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No Smoking Gun



Pro-Russian rebels, right, followed by members of the OSCE mission, walk by plane wreckage as they arrive for a media briefing at the crash site of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17, near the village of Hrabove, eastern Ukraine, Tuesday, July 22,

2014. A team of Malaysian investigators visited the site along with members of the OSCE mission for the first time since last week's crash.

(AP Photo/Vadim Ghirda)

US Officials:

Russian Government Not Directly Linked to Crash

KEN DILANIAN

AP Intelligence Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senior U.S. intelligence officials said Tuesday that Russia was responsible for “cre-

ating the conditions” that led to the shooting down of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17, but they offered no evidence of direct Russian government involvement.

The intelligence officials were cautious in their assessment, noting that while the Russians have been arming separatists in eastern Ukraine, the U.S. had no

direct evidence that the missile used to shoot down the passenger jet came from Russia. The officials briefed reporters Tuesday under rules that their names

not be used in discussing intelligence related to last week's air disaster, which killed 298 people.

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The plane was likely shot down by an SA-11 surface-to-air missile fired by Russian-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine, the intelligence officials said, citing intercepts, satellite photos and social media postings by separatists, some of which have been authenticated by U.S. experts. But the officials said they did not know who fired the missile or whether any Russian operatives were pres-

Rhodes said the U.S. was still working to determine whether the missile launch had a "direct link" to Russia, including whether there were Russians on the ground during the attack and the degree to which Russians may have trained the separatists to launch such a strike. "We do think President Putin and the Russian government bears responsibility for the support they provided to these separatists, the arms they provided to

they have not been able to authenticate all of it. For example, they cited a video of a missile launcher said to have been crossing the Russian border after the launch, appearing to be missing a missile. But later, under questioning, the officials acknowledged they had not yet verified that the video was exactly what it purported to be. Despite the fuzziness of some details, however, the intelligence officials said



President Barack Obama visits the Dutch Embassy in Washington to sign a book of condolence, joined by Deputy Chief of Mission Peter Mollema, Tuesday, July 22, 2014. Most of the 298 people aboard the Malaysia Airlines plane that was shot down near the border between Ukraine and Russia were Dutch citizens.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

ent at the missile launch. They were not certain that the missile crew was trained in Russia, although they described a stepped-up campaign in recent weeks by Russia to arm and train the rebels, which they say has continued even after the downing of the commercial jetliner. In terms of who fired the missile, "we don't know a name, we don't know a rank and we're not even 100 percent sure of a nationality," one official said, adding at another point, "There is not going to be a Perry Mason moment here," a reference to a fictional detective who solved mysteries. White House deputy national security adviser Ben

these separatists, the training they provided as well and the general unstable environment in eastern Ukraine," Rhodes said in an interview with CNN. He added that heavy weaponry continues to flow into Ukraine from Russia following the downing of the plane. The intelligence officials said the most likely explanation for the downing was that the rebels made a mistake. Separatists previously had shot down 12 Ukrainian military airplanes, the officials said. The officials made clear they were relying in part on social media postings and videos made public in recent days by the Ukrainian government, even though

the case that the separatists were responsible for shooting down the plane was solid. Other scenarios — such as that the Ukrainian military shot down the plane — are implausible, they said. No Ukrainian surface-to-air missile system was in range. From satellites, sensors and other intelligence gathering, officials said, they know where the missile originated — in separatist-held territory — and what its flight path was. But if they possess satellite or other imagery of the missile being fired, they did not release it Tuesday. A graphic they made public depicts their estimation of the missile's flight path with a green line. □



A traveler views a departures board Tuesday, July 22, 2014, at the Philadelphia International Airport in Philadelphia. The Federal Aviation Administration is telling U.S. airlines they are prohibited from flying to the Tel Aviv airport in Israel for 24 hours after a Hamas rocket exploded nearby.

(AP Photo/Matt Rourke)

Airlines scrap Israel flights over fear of loose missiles

The Associated Press

When U.S. and European airlines quickly canceled flights to Israel Tuesday, they showed both a skittishness and a new sense of urgency in dealing with global trouble spots following last week's downing of a passenger plane over Ukraine.

Delta Air Lines turned around one of its jets mid-flight and indefinitely canceled all future flights between the U.S. and Israel after a rocket fired from the Gaza Strip landed near Tel Aviv's Ben-Gurion Airport. Other U.S. airlines quickly took similar action, and counterparts in Europe and Canada followed within hours, despite protests from the Israeli government. Israeli airline El Al maintained its regular flight schedule. The airlines were out ahead of aviation regulators in stopping service. The Federal Aviation Administration imposed a 24-hour ban on flights to Israel after the U.S. airlines acted. Germany's Lufthansa, Italian airline Alitalia and Air France all acted before the European Aviation Safety Agency issued an advisory. How long the cessation of flights will last is unclear. U.S. airlines now must wait for the FAA, which said it will provide updated guidance by midday Wednesday.

Aviation and legal experts said that airlines are now taking risk assessment into their own hands, both for the safety of passengers and to avoid claims of negligence, following last week's Malaysia Airlines disaster.

"Most airlines have security departments that try to evaluate those sorts of risk," said William Waddock, a professor of safety science at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. "Some do it better than others, but I would expect that everyone is on a very heightened sense of alert right now."

Richard Aboulafia, an analyst with the Teal Group, said airlines might be more proactive about avoid hot spot, although he noted that there are very few areas where non-government militaries have weapons sophisticated enough to shoot down a plane.

Western governments have accused pro-Russian separatists in Ukraine of shooting down Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 with a surface-to-air missile while it was flying at 33,000 feet. Some experts have second-guessed the airline's decision to fly over the area. But Malaysian officials have countered that the plane's path from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur was approved by international regulators. □



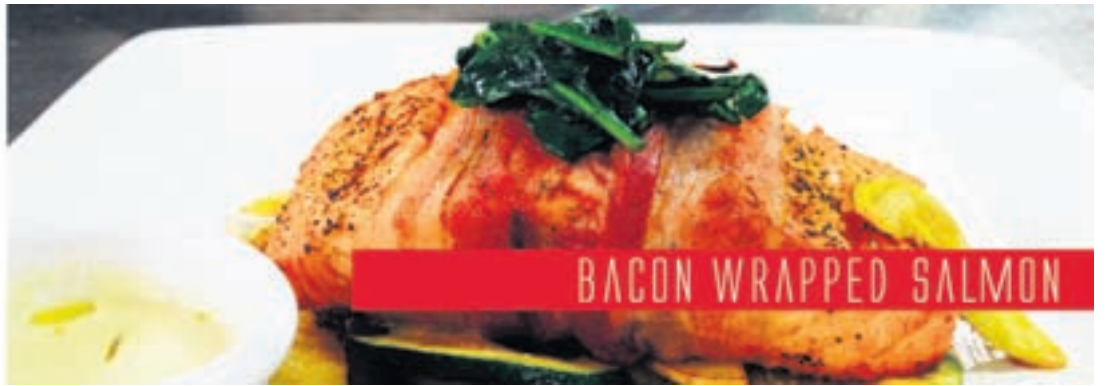
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Bond insurers to fight Detroit financial plans

DETROIT (AP) — Companies that insure Detroit bonds and stand to lose millions repeated a pledge Tuesday to aggressively challenge the city's bankruptcy plan, a day after retirees endorsed pension cuts and qualified for a bailout led by the state. Syncora and Financial Guaranty Insurance said retirees and city workers are being given special treatment that's unfair to other creditors.

Pension cuts were approved in a landslide, according to results from 60 days of voting, which were announced shortly before midnight Monday.

General retirees would get a 4.5 percent pension cut and lose annual inflation adjustments. Some also have to repay a portion of generous annuity earnings from the last decade. Retired police officers and firefighters would lose only a portion of their annual cost-of-living raise.

The city said the cuts would be worse without \$816 million in aid from the state of Michigan, foundations and the Detroit Institute of Arts. Money from the so-called grand bargain would prevent the sale of city-owned art and avoid deeper pension reductions.

No other creditors qualify for the money. Judge Steven Rhodes still would need to bless the deal after a trial on Detroit's overall bankruptcy plan, which starts Aug. 14.

"We are not surprised at the vote, given the grand bargain's illegal diversion of highly valuable assets to the very creditors who voted yes," James Sprayregen, an attorney for Syncora, said Tuesday. □

Senate, House on collision course on border money

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats prepared Tuesday to whack \$1 billion from President Barack Obama's emergency spending request for the border, while leaving out policy changes Republicans have demanded as their price for agreeing to any money.

The developments pointed to a hardening stalemate over the crisis in Texas, where unaccompanied kids are arriving by the tens of thousands from Central America.

The impasse comes as lawmakers prepare to leave Washington for their annual summer recess at the end of next week.

The legislation would spend \$2.7 billion for more immigration judges, detention facilities and other resources for the southern border, Senate aides said. It also would include \$225 million for Israel's Iron Dome, designed to intercept short-range rockets and mortars, as Israel battles Hamas militants, and \$615 million to fight wildfires raging in the U.S. West.

Yet the money for wildfires and for Israel appeared unlikely to sweeten the deal enough for Republicans to swallow it absent legal changes to allow the Central American kids to be turned around fast at the border and sent back home.

More than 57,000 young people have arrived since October, mostly from El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala. Polls suggest the American public is demanding a solution, but lawmakers could not say where a compromise might lie.

"Unfortunately, it looks like we're on a track to do absolutely nothing," said Sen. John Cornyn, a Republi-

can.

Senate Democratic aides said the smaller spending bill, which could come to the floor to a vote next week, aimed to include enough money to handle the border crisis through the end of this calen-

officials said Congress needs "to fully fund our supplemental request," the White House said, warning that inaction would soon render border agents and immigration courts unable to do their jobs.

At issue is a 2008 trafficking

dor, Honduras and Guatemala that there's no point in sending their kids on the arduous journey north.

Senate Democrats' legislation puts them on a collision course with Republicans who control the House. They, too, have described



Senate Minority Whip John Cornyn of Texas, center, defends legislation to speed the removal of tens of thousands of Central American kids flowing over the U.S.-Mexico border on Capitol Hill in Washington. From left are, Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., Cornyn and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

dar year amid pleas from Homeland Security Department officials who say overwhelmed agencies will be running out of money in coming months.

The legislation is being finalized by Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Barbara Mikulski, who said she would formally unveil it Wednesday.

"Based on a review of what is needed in calendar year 2014 to meet needs at the border, the bill reduces the president's request by \$1 billion," Mikulski said in a statement.

But on conference call with governors from across the U.S., Obama and top

victims law that guarantees judicial hearings for unaccompanied youths arriving here from Central America. In practice, the policy allows them to stay in this country for years because of major backlogs in the immigration court system.

Republicans want the law changed so that unaccompanied Central American children can be treated like those from Mexico, who can be sent back by Border Patrol agents unless they can demonstrate a fear of return that necessitates further screening. Republicans say that's the only way to send a message to parents in El Salva-

plans to dramatically scale back Obama's spending request, but like Republicans in the Senate, they have made changes to the 2008 trafficking victims law a condition for approving any money.

White House officials have indicated support for such changes but have sent mixed signals about it under pressure from immigration advocates who say it would amount to sending children fleeing vicious gang violence back home to their deaths. Democrats who initially were open to such changes also have grown increasingly opposed. □

Courts issue conflicting rulings on Health Care law

ROBERT PEAR

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WASHINGTON - Two federal appeals court panels issued conflicting rulings Tuesday on whether the government could subsidize health insurance premiums for people in three dozen states that use the federal insurance exchange. The decisions are the latest in a series of legal challenges to central components of President Barack Obama's health care law.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in Richmond, Virginia, upheld the subsidies, saying that a rule issued by the Internal Revenue Service was "a permissible exercise of the agency's discretion."

The ruling came within hours of a 2-to-1 ruling by

a panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, which said that the government could not subsidize insurance for people in states that use the federal exchange.

That decision could cut potentially off financial assistance for more than 4.5 million people who were found eligible for subsidized insurance in the federal exchange, or marketplace.

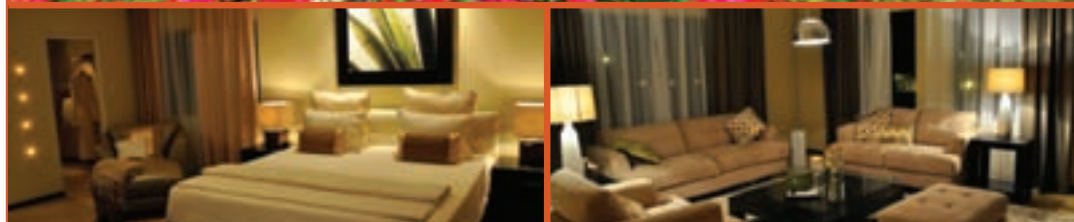
Under the Affordable Care Act, the appeals court here said, subsidies are available only to people who obtained insurance through exchanges established by states.

The law "does not authorize the Internal Revenue Service to provide tax credits for insurance purchased on



David Klemencic, one plaintiff in a case that could upend the Affordable Care Act, at the carpet store he runs in Ellenboro, W.Va. Two federal appeals courts issued conflicting rulings within hours on July 22 regarding the issue raised in the Klemencic lawsuit -- that the language of the ACA prohibits the government from offering subsidies on the federally-run exchange.

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federal exchanges," said the ruling, by a three-judge panel in Washington. The law, it said, "plainly makes subsidies available only on exchanges established by states."

Under this ruling, many people could see their share of premiums could increase sharply, making insurance unaffordable for them.

The courts' decisions are the not the last word, however, as other courts are weighing the same issue. And the Washington panel's ruling could be reviewed by the full appeals court here.

The White House rejected the ruling of the court here and anticipated that the Justice Department will ask that the entire appeals court to review it. Obama's aides noted that two district courts have thrown out similar lawsuits and therefore argued that judicial opinions have been mixed at worst. Moreover, they said the ruling Tuesday seemed to fly in the face of common sense.

"You don't need a fancy legal degree to understand that Congress intended for every eligible American to have access to tax credits that would lower their health care costs, regardless of whether it was state officials or federal officials

who were running the marketplace," said Josh Earnest, the White House press secretary. "I think that is a pretty clear intent of the congressional law."

Reacting to the ruling in Washington, a Justice Department spokeswoman, Emily Pierce, said: "We believe that this decision is incorrect, inconsistent with congressional intent, different from previous rulings and at odds with the goal of the law: to make health care affordable no matter where people live. The government will therefore immediately seek further review of the court's decision."

"In the meantime," Pierce said, "to be clear, people getting premium tax credits should know that nothing has changed. Tax credits remain available."

A similar approach was sounded later by the 4th Circuit panel, which said, "We find that the applicable statutory language is ambiguous and subject to multiple interpretations." The court said it would therefore give deference to the reading of the law by the Internal Revenue Service, which issued the rule allowing payment of subsidies for people in all states, regardless of whether the state had a federal or state exchange. □

Police probing Brooklyn Bridge flag switch

NEW YORK (AP) — Two large American flags atop the Brooklyn Bridge — one of New York City's most heavily secured landmarks — were replaced sometime during the night with white banners that were spotted Tuesday morning fluttering in the wind. Police crime scene and intelligence detectives were investigating how the flags were switched out on the famed span that connects Brooklyn and Manhattan, and there were no reports of suspicious activity, police said. Officers in patrol cars are stationed at both ends of the bridge, which is constantly monitored by surveillance cameras. Investigators are reviewing security footage for clues, police said. The police commissioner was scheduled to brief reporters on the investigation later Tuesday. More than 120,000 vehicles, 4,000 pedestrians and 3,100 bicyclists cross the Brooklyn Bridge every day, according to the city's Department of Transportation, which maintains the bridge. Police removed the white flags just before noon from poles on the stone supports that hold cables



A white flag flies atop the west tower of New York's Brooklyn Bridge, Tuesday, July 22, 2014. Two large American flags atop the Brooklyn Bridge were replaced sometime during the night with white banners. Police crime scene and intelligence detectives were investigating how the flags were switched out on the famed span that connects Brooklyn and Manhattan, and there were no reports of suspicious activity, police said.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

above the bridge. One of the flags, viewed via video, appeared to have faint traces of stars and stripes on it. The flags fly from above the pillars year-round and are replaced by Department of Transportation workers when they become frayed, police said. They are lit from the bottom by a lamp at the base of each tower at night. □

Obama on 3-day fundraising trip

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WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama will spend the next three days helping to fill the coffers of his party's campaign committees and working to lift the fortunes of two super PACs that were created to help House and Senate candidates in the midterm elections. Obama left on Tuesday afternoon for a West Coast swing that was to include five fundraisers in three cities: Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles. The president will have one other event during the trip, a speech at a Los Angeles technical college on Thursday, before returning to the White House late that day. The fundraising trip comes as the White House is dismissing criticism

about the president's decision to maintain his travel schedule despite the crises in Ukraine and the Middle East. Josh Earnest, the White House press secretary, said on Monday that Obama was more than able to manage the international crises from the road. "As was demonstrated last week when the president was on the road and two of these crises flared up, the president was able to fulfill his responsibilities as commander in chief and as the leader of this country from the road," Earnest told reporters. "If it becomes clear that there's a need for him to come back to the White House in order to fulfill those functions, then we'll make a change in his schedule. □

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Contrarian's case: Why US could dip into recession

BERNARD CONDON

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Just as the U.S. economy is strengthening, other countries are threatening to drag it down.

Employers in the U.S. are creating jobs at the fastest pace since the late 1990s and the economy finally looks ready to expand at a healthy rate. But sluggish growth in France, Italy, Russia, Brazil and China suggests that the old truism, "When the U.S. sneezes, the rest of the world catches a cold," may need to be flipped.

Maybe the rest of the world will sneeze this time, and the U.S. will get sick.

That's the view of David Levy, who oversees the Levy Forecast, a newsletter analyzing the economy that his family started in 1949 and one with an enviable record. Nearly a decade ago, the now 59-year-old economist warned that U.S. housing was a bubble set to burst, and that the damage would push the country into a recession so severe the Federal Reserve would have no choice but to slash short-term borrowing rates to their lowest levels ever to stimulate the economy.

That's exactly what happened. Now, Levy says the United States is likely to fall into a recession next year triggered by downturns in other countries, the first time in modern history.

"The recession for the rest of the world ... will be worse than the last one," says Levy, whose grandfather called the 1929 stock crash and whose father won praise over decades for anticipating turns in the business cycle, often against conventional wisdom.

Levy's forecast for a global recession is an extreme

one, but worth considering given so much is riding on the dominant view that economies are healing. Investors have pushed U.S. stocks to record highs, and Fed estimates have the U.S. growing at an annual pace of at least 3 percent for the rest of the year and all of 2015. Investors have also poured hundreds of millions of dollars into emerging market stock funds recently on hopes economic growth in those countries

ing markets, the old problem of relying on indebted Americans to buy more of their goods each year and not selling enough to their own people means a glut of underused factories.

"The world hopes to ride on the coattails of the U.S. consumer," says Eswar Prasad, an economist at Cornell University, "but the U.S. consumer isn't in a position to take on the burden."

Emerging markets bounced

been investing too much to expand production before the crisis, too.

Compared to such fragile economies, Levy says the U.S. is in decent shape. Like most economists, he's not worried about the nation's 2.9 percent drop in economic output in the first quarter, attributing it to harsh winter weather. He expects growth to return, but not for long, as a recession in either Europe or emerging markets spreads

accounted for 50 percent of global output last year, up from 38 percent in 2002. Levy predicts a U.S. recession will throw its housing recovery in reverse, and push home prices below the low in the last recession.

He says panicked investors are likely to dump stocks and flood into U.S. Treasuries, a haven in troubled times, like never before. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite to its price, is likely to fall from 2.5 percent to less than 1 percent — an unprecedented low.

In 2012, when investors feared a breakup of the euro-currency bloc, the 10-year yield fell to 1.4 percent.

His forecasts may seem a bit much, but Levy comes from a family with a good record of running against the crowd.

His grandfather, Jerome, didn't just call the Great Crash of 1929, he sold all his stock and liquidated his wholesale goods business in anticipation of it. Immediately after World War II, when many experts thought the U.S. was sure to fall into another depression, his father, Jay, accurately predicted a rapid expansion instead. In late 1999, his uncle, Leon Levy, a hedge fund manager and collector of antiquities, invited this reporter into his office, pointed to a bust of a rich Roman near his door and mused on the fleeting nature of fortune. He then predicted a new generation of wealthy would be laid low soon in a coming dot-com crash.

Those stocks began their long dive a few months later.



Economist David Levy poses for picture in his office in Mt. Kisco, N.Y. Levy, who oversees the Levy Forecast, a newsletter analyzing the economy that his family started in 1949, says the United States is likely to fall into a recession next year triggered by downturns in other countries, the first time in modern history.

(AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

will pick up, not stall.

Worrisome signs are already out there. Unlike their U.S. counterparts, European banks are still stuck with too many bad loans from the financial crisis. Household and business debt there is too high. And confidence is fleeting, as investors saw earlier this month when stocks sold off on worries over the stability of Portugal's largest bank.

In China and other emerg-

back faster from the financial crisis than did rich countries, but Levy thinks a big reason for that has made things worse. Overseas companies plowed money into factories, machines and buildings used to make things on the assumption that exports, after snapping back from recession lows, would continue to grow at their prior pace. They have not, a big problem since companies had

to the U.S.

Levy says the U.S. is more vulnerable to troubles abroad than people realize.

Exports contributed 14 percent of U.S. economic output last year, up from 9 percent in 2002. That sounds like a good development, but it also makes the country more dependent on global growth, which, in turn, relies more on emerging markets. Those markets

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US Financial Front:

American consumer prices up 0.3 percent in June

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. consumer prices rose in June at a slightly slower pace than in May with two-thirds of the June advance driven by the largest jump in gasoline prices in a year. Prices rose 0.3 percent in June following a 0.4 percent rise in May, the Labor Department reported Tuesday. The May increase had been the biggest one-month gain in more than a year.

Energy prices were up 1.6 percent, nearly double the May gain, reflecting a sharp 3.3 percent rise in gasoline costs. But food costs edged up just 0.1 percent, the smallest gain since January.

Core prices, which exclude volatile food and energy, were up just 0.1 percent. Over the past 12 months, core prices are up 1.9 percent, an indication of moderate inflation.

Overall prices have risen 2.1 percent in the past 12 months. While the 12-month price gains are up from extremely low readings earlier this year, the figures are close to the 2 percent annual price gains that the Federal Reserve seeks to achieve.

The 3.3 percent jump in

gasoline costs was not expected to be repeated in July given that pump prices have been falling in recent weeks. The AAA says the nationwide average for a gallon of gas stood at \$3.57 on Monday, down from \$3.68 a month ago and an indication that energy prices may be easing slightly.

"World oil prices were relatively elevated in June since there were significant fears that the turmoil in Northern Iraq would spread to the southern parts of that country," said Chris G. Christopher Jr., director of consumer electronics at IHS Global Insight. He predicted energy prices will moderate in coming months.

Food costs have been rising sharply this year, reflecting a variety of factors ranging from cold weather hurting winter crops in such states as Florida to a severe drought in California. Airplane ticket prices surged by 5.8 percent in May, the largest amount in 15 years, but ticket prices moderated to a smaller 0.4 percent rise in June.

Economists expect energy price gains will slow in coming months although



Baltazar Rosado, of Hollywood, Fla., pumps gasoline into his car at a Chevron gasoline station in Pembroke Pines, Fla. The Labor Department reported on U.S. consumer prices in June on Tuesday, July 22, 2014. (AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee)

tensions in the Middle East and Ukraine could derail those hopes if they trigger a surge in global oil prices. Food costs have been driven higher this year by

a variety of factors including a harsh winter and a drought in California but economists say the June moderation could be the beginning of slower food

increases.

The Federal Reserve is expected to keep interest rates exceptionally low as long as inflation does not show signs of moving beyond its targeted rate. The forecast of many analysts is that the Fed will keep a key short-term interest rate at a record low near zero over the next year with the first rate increase not occurring until the summer of 2015.

But analysts stress that this outlook depends heavily on prices remaining in check. Should there be signs that inflation is starting to accelerate, then the central bank could begin raising interest rates sooner, possibly in the spring of next year. □



US home sales increase again; rise 2.6% in June

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sales of previously owned homes rose for a third straight month in June, pushing activity to the highest level in eight months and providing evidence that housing is regaining lost momentum.

The National Association of Realtors said Tuesday that sales of existing homes increased 2.6 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.04 million homes. It marked the first time that sales have been above the 5 million-mark since October.

Even with the three months of increases, however, sales were still 2.3 percent below the sales rate in June of last year. Sales peaked in July last

year and then lost momentum as mortgage rates rose from extremely low levels. Sales were further hurt by an unusually severe winter. After peaking at 5.38 million units last July, sales had been falling as mortgage rates climbed from historic lows after then-Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke indicated in June that the central bank could begin trimming its monthly bond purchases later in the year.

The Fed did start reducing the bond purchases in December but mortgage rates have actually retreated as financial markets realized the Fed intended a gradual reduction of the long-interest rate support it has been providing the economy. □

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American Living:

To fight crime, Chicago tries wiping away arrests

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago lawmakers, desperate to curb the gun violence wracking their city, are leading the way toward a counterintuitive idea: fighting crime by making it easier for young people to wipe away minor arrest records.

The goal is to give tens of thousands of teens a better chance to find work or get into college, rather than letting a minor episode with police possibly doom them to a life on the gang-dominated streets of some of the city's most troubled neighborhoods.

A law recently passed by the state Legislature made Illinois one of the few states to automatically expunge

the criminal records of juveniles who were arrested but never charged.

Mariama Bangura, 17, was arrested last year after she was accused of threatening a teacher. Though she was never charged, she worries that the incident could sink her adult ambitions.

"I want to be a nurse or massage therapist, and what if the whole thing keeps coming up?" she asked. "I want a career." Expungement is not a new idea. The service has long been available for minor arrests and convictions if people know about it and can afford to hire an attorney. The Illinois law makes it automatic for offenses that



Mariama Bangura, 17, poses for a portrait on the Northwest side of Chicago. Bangura, 17, was arrested last year after she was accused of threatening a teacher. Though she was never charged, she worries that the incident could sink her adult ambitions.

(AP Photo/Charles Rex Arbogast)

happen in a specific time frame.

Last year in Cook County alone, about 16,000 juvenile arrests would have been eligible for expungement. Of those, only 661 people applied. All but one succeeded in having their records cleared.

That means tens of thousands of young people have arrest records that could derail applications for public housing, financial aid, a teaching certificate or a license to cut hair.

Chicago lawmakers also led the push to "ban the box," a reference to the box on many employment applications that asks job seekers whether they have ever been arrested or convicted of a crime. The proposal would prevent businesses with 15 or more employees from asking about applicants' criminal records before offering a job interview. The measure was

approved this past spring and signed Saturday by Gov. Pat Quinn.

Employers can still ask about criminal history later in the job-application process.

"Chicago continues to be riddled with crime because ex-offenders return without opportunities to be productive citizens," said state Rep. LaShawn Ford, sponsor of the one of the proposals.

The shift was on full display last fall when several black state lawmakers blocked a bill to impose stiffer prison sentences for illegal gun possession, which they saw as little more than a recipe to lock up more blacks and Latinos. The measure was strongly supported by both Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Police Superintendent Gary McCarthy.

"Our jails are busting at the seams," said state Rep. Arthur Turner of Chicago,

sponsor of the expungement bill. "So we'd like to take a different approach here in Illinois."

To reduce violence, Chicago has also tried flooding the streets with more police officers and setting up meetings between families of murder victims and gang members.

One group has even offered yoga in one of the city's most dangerous neighborhoods in the hopes of easing tensions. Emanuel threw his support behind the expungement bill, calling it a key component of a softer approach to crime fighting. Other efforts have included beefing up summer jobs program and providing gang members with information about social services.

"Our goal is to keep them on track to graduate, have a promising career, maybe go to college," Emanuel said. "If they have a record, it's harder, (and) if they don't have a record, they'll get a job, and they will be less likely to have a life of crime."

Under the expungement bill, arrests that did not result in formal charges — excluding sex crimes and some other serious offenses — will be expunged if the offender turned 18 in the last year and has had no other arrests since the original arrest.

State Sen. Dave Syverson, a Rockford Republican, was one of dozens of Illinois lawmakers to vote against the bill, saying that he was concerned about the message it sends to young offenders — that there aren't any real consequences for their actions until they are adults "and do something really serious." □

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US, Egypt push Gaza cease-fire

CAIRO (AP) — The U.S. and Egypt sought Tuesday to find an end to two weeks of bloodshed in the Gaza Strip, and officials raised the possibility of restarting stalled peace talks between Israel and Palestinian authorities as a necessary step to avoid sustained violence. It's unlikely that Washington is ready to wade back into the morass of peace negotiations that broke off last April after nearly nine months of shuttle diplo-

lying issues and addressing all the concerns that have brought us to where we are today."

Egypt has proposed a cease-fire plan that is backed by the U.S. and Israel but been rejected by Hamas. Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shukri said Tuesday's talks were focused "to not only resolve this issue, but also to set in motion once again the peace process that Secretary Kerry has been so actively involved in so as to

according to a Gaza police official. At the same time, an Israeli defense official told The Associated Press that an Israeli soldier is missing following a deadly battle in Gaza over the weekend, and it is not known whether he is dead or alive. In the past Israel has paid a heavy price to retrieve soldiers captured by its enemies.

In Washington, Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. Ron Dermer said suggested Israel would still be amena-



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry meets with Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi in Cairo, Egypt, Tuesday, July 22, 2014. Kerry is hoping to get international support as he pushes for a Mideast cease-fire, but he acknowledges the differences between Israel and Hamas run very deep and must be addressed in any long-term solution. (AP Photo/Pool)

macy by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry. But the new round of fighting between Israel and Hamas militants who control Gaza has reached the level of violence that U.S. officials warned last spring would happen without an enduring truce.

Kerry, meeting with Egypt's president and other high-level officials, stopped short of advocating a new round of peace talks. Still, he left the door open for broad negotiations between Israel and Palestinian officials once a cease-fire is in place.

"Just reaching a cease-fire is clearly not enough," Kerry told reporters after meeting with Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi. "It is imperative that there be a serious engagement, discussion, negotiation, regarding the under-

end this ongoing conflict between the Palestinians and the Israelis."

In a separate meeting with Kerry, Arab League President Nabil Elaraby called the Gaza bloodshed a "massacre." More than 600 Palestinians and 29 Israelis have been killed since the new war began July 8.

"People are dying in the streets in large numbers," Elaraby told Kerry. "And what is needed is for all hostile acts should end as soon as possible. Just like someone is bleeding, and you need a Band-Aid, but that is not enough. You need more to be able to survive."

Israeli aircraft have hit more than 70 locations in the Gaza Strip in the last day, including the home of the late leader of Hamas' military wing, five mosques and a football stadium,

ble to a cease-fire if Kerry and other international mediators can get Hamas to agree.

"If we could achieve a sustained peace and quiet for Israel, that's what we're looking to do," Dermer said. He added: "The objective is not to re-conquer Gaza."

The U.S. has long believed that a lasting peace agreement between Israel and Palestinian authorities would help stabilize the Mideast, where at least a half-dozen nations are grappling with widespread violence, political unrest or terror threats. In a sign of the heightened security concerns, Kerry and his aides were screened by metal detectors before entering el-Sissi's palace — an unusual if not highly rare process for a foreign minister to undergo. □

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Infighting as split emerges among Syrian rebels

DIAA HADID
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Fighters of an al-Qaida affiliate seized a northern border town in Syria from rival rebels, activists reported Tuesday, as new infighting threatened opposition gains.

The Nusra Front captured the town of Haram in northern Idlib province, said Rami Abdurrahman of the Britain-based Syrian Observatory. The town was seized after weeks of skirmishes between the Nusra Front and their one-time allies among the Western-backed rebel groups, who once united over seeking the overthrow of President Bashar Assad.

A spokesman for some Western-backed groups, Hussam al-Marie, confirmed the infighting. Another rebel group, the Hazzm Movement, said earlier this week that they would no longer work with the Nusra Front. The infighting apparently

began after Nusra Front fighters left a front threatened by government forces near the northern city of Aleppo. It later worsened after rebels accused Nusra

If fighting spreads, it may threaten rebel gains in Syria. Rebel forces already are badly weakened by government victories and infighting that began last



This photo shows Syrian rebels standing next to a tank that was captured from the Syrian government forces at the al-Dahman checkpoint, in southern Idlib, northern Syria. Fighters of an al-Qaida affiliate seized a northern border town in Syria from rival rebels, activists reported Tuesday, as new infighting threatened opposition gains. (AP Photo/Edlib News Network ENN)

fighters of not helping them hold a town on a strategic highway route in central Syria. Later, Nusra fighters clashed with a rebel group near the northern town of Darkoush, al-Marie said.

winter against militants of an extremist group now called the "Islamic State." The Islamic State group now dominates the arc of the Euphrates River from near the Turkish border in

Syria deep into neighboring Iraq.

Although the Nusra Front is an al-Qaida affiliate, other Syrian rebels fought alongside their fighters, arguing that it was dominated by Syrian fighters — unlike the foreigners of the harsh "Islamic State" group. They also said that Nusra was not imposing its ultra-conservative agenda.

Nusra was one of the chief groups that fought against the Islamic State group. Abdurrahman, who obtains his information from activists in Syria, said Nusra was trying to carve out its own stronghold in the Idlib province on the Turkish border. He said they seized the city of Jisr al-Shaghour earlier this month and other towns along the border route.

"It's clear from the clashes in the area — there is a project in Nusra," he said. "They are seizing towns and areas to be connected geographically." □

Iraqi police use detentions to blunt militants

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BAGHDAD — The police on Tuesday briefly detained a woman near the city of Samarra who was said to be a relative of the leader of the Islamic State, in a sign that the beleaguered security forces are looking for any foothold to use against the militant group.

At the same time, militants with the group appeared to have slowed efforts by the Iraqi security forces to retake Tikrit and themselves took several small villages southwest of Baghdad, where the Iraqi military and militias have been fighting to stop them.

At least six soldiers were killed in that fight, according to officials at the hospital in the town of Mussayib. But a militia leader fighting there said on Monday that 10 had been killed and 30 wounded. The police activity around Samarra comes because the leader of the Islamic State, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, comes from a tribe whose origins are in the area. Members of the security forces and residents say that the government appears to be looking for any of his relatives who might have information about him. The tactic of detaining female relatives of insurgents has been used repeatedly by Iraqi security forces, and it has drawn sharp criticism from Sunni leaders. A member of the security forces said the woman had been released because the forces do not want to alienate Sunni residents whose help they need to fight the militants. □

Report finds Islamic plot to control UK schools

MATTHEW KNIGHT
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — A British government investigation found evidence Tuesday that Muslim fundamentalists successfully gained control of some schools, raising fears that pupils are now vulnerable to radicalization.

It said there was an "effective take-over" by like-minded people of a number of schools in Birmingham, Britain's second-largest city, leading to "the reinforcement of Muslim identity to the exclusion or disparagement of others." British Education Secretary

Nicky Morgan said the report's findings were disturbing.

"What has been so upsetting about the history in this small handful of schools is that the success of efforts to encourage more British Muslims to take up governing roles has been damaged by the actions of a few," she said.

The report found "coordinated, deliberate and sustained action" by a number of people to introduce an "intolerant and aggressive Islamic ethos" into some of the city's schools. It pointed to a pattern in which school authorities

criticized well regarded head teachers and senior teachers were bullied, while new governing board staff members were rapidly promoted.

The investigation examined online discussions between one all-male group of teachers at Park View School and found them to have disparaged certain strands of Islam, expressed homophobic sentiments and sought to increase segregation at the school. The report said Birmingham City Council failed to alert authorities of the practices that made some teachers worry pupils were learning

to be intolerant of diversity, and may now find it harder to question or challenge radical influences.

As a consequence of the report, the council said its whistle-blowing processes will be strengthened and teachers involved face being barred from the profession.

Mohammed Zabar, a Muslim parent whose daughter attends Oldknow Academy, welcomed the report. He said parents did not speak out for fear of speaking "against Islam." Investigators did not find evidence of violent extremism or terrorism. □



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End comes for notorious Venezuelan vertical slum

HANNAH DREIER
Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— The beginning of the end came for the world's tallest slum Tuesday as officials began evicting thousands of squatters from a haphazard community inside the half-built Caracas skyscraper known as the Tower of David.

Police in riot gear and soldiers with Kalashnikov assault rifles stood on side streets as dozens of residents boarded buses for their new government-provided apartments in the town of Cua, 23 miles (37 kilometers) south of Caracas. Ernesto Villegas, the government minister overseeing Caracas' redevelopment, told reporters the residents could not be allowed to stay indefinitely because the 45-story build-

ing in the heart of the capital is unsafe.

He said children have fallen to their deaths from the tower, which in some

working plumbing.

Meant to be the crown jewel of a glittering downtown, the building was abandoned amid a 1990s



A view of the Tower of David, a building that was abandoned in the 1990s and became the world's tallest slum, the half-built skyscraper was transformed by squatters into a vertical ghetto, in Caracas, Venezuela, Tuesday, July 22, 2014.

(AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

places is missing walls or windows. The damp, foul-smelling concrete lobby attested to the lack of

banking crisis. It later was nicknamed the Tower of David, after its financier David Brillembourg.

Villegas said the tower started its life as a symbol of failed capitalism, and later came to represent the power of community. The squatters' invasion was part of a larger appropriation of vacant buildings encouraged by the late President Hugo Chavez.

By 2007, the "invaders," as they're called in Caracas, had claimed everything from the parking garages to the rooftop helipad. They rigged up electricity, opened stores and barber-shops, and created a sophisticated internal management system.

On Tuesday, Maria Sevilla, manager of the 28th floor, looked wistfully at the sooty concrete skeleton, with its steep ledges and incomplete stories stippled with satellite dishes.

"What I'll miss the most is

the community we built here," she said.

A former street vendor, Sevilla said the 50 neighbors on her floor had become like family to her and her teenage children.

For outsiders, the tower symbolized the height of anarchic dysfunction. The surreal-looking high-rise was widely believed to harbor criminals as well as working families, and it was sometimes raided by police looking for kidnapping victims. The U.S. television show "Homeland" depicted the building as a lawless place where thugs participate in international conspiracies and kill with impunity. The building's neighbors celebrated the eviction Tuesday. Retiree Antonio Farias looked on with glee, saying the slum had brought the constant threat of kidnapping, rape and robbery.

"It was so beautiful at first," he said.

Inside the tower, the mood was subdued even as dozens of children ran about. Young men talked about families they heard were going to refuse to leave.

Jakarta governor wins Indonesian presidency

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ALI KOTARUMALOS
Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)

— Jakarta Gov. Joko Widodo, who captured the hearts of millions of Indonesians with his common man image, was declared the winner Tuesday of the country's presidential election, calling it a victory for all of the nation's people. A former furniture exporter known to most as "Jokowi," Widodo was the first candidate in a direct presidential election in Indonesia with no ties to the former dictator Suharto, who ruled for 30 years before being overthrown in 1998.

"This is a victory for all Indonesian people," Widodo, who received 53 percent of the vote, according to the Election Commission, said in a televised speech. "We hope this victory will



Joko Widodo, the President-elect of Indonesia, at his home in Jakarta, July 18, 2014. Widodo, who rose from humble roots to serve as the governor of Jakarta, was declared winner of a contentious national election on July 22, but his opponent, Prabowo Subianto, a retired army general, denounced the result as fraudulent. (Kemal Jufri/The New York Times)

pave the way to build Indonesia to be an independent economy."

The other contender in the July 9 election, former Gen. Prabowo Subianto, declared he was withdrawing

from the contest shortly before the final numbers were released by the commission, saying there was massive fraud during the election, and that it was unfair and undemocratic.

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Plans to rebuild Haiti capital displace families

DAVID McFADDEN
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— The broad avenues in the Haitian government's promotional material are clean and unbroken, dotted with palm trees, parks and manicured expanses of grass. The new ministry buildings are sleek and modern but retain some of the neo-classical architecture of the former structures lost to natural disaster.

This is the grand, dream-like vision of central Port-au-Prince that President Michel Martelly says will replace what was toppled when a 7.0-magnitude earthquake left much of Haiti's capital in ruins on Jan. 12, 2010. Sketched plans look more like a wealthy Miami suburb than the gritty downtown of old that housed both state institutions and shabby tenements.

"These plans will take a long time to finish, perhaps another 10 years," says Harry Adam, executive director of the government agency that is responsible for the construction of public buildings and housing. "But I think it's realistic. We can do it."

Demolitions began in June for construction of an "ad-

ministrative city" covering 30 hectares (75 acres) downtown.

But the plan hailed as a

bulldozers arrived.

While there are no available figures on the number of people left homeless by

Bitter quake survivors, some who only recently were moved by aid groups from squalid tent camps

he had finally made it. He had a subsidized rental apartment for a year and a small business selling cold drinks. Now Wilner wonders if he'll make it through the hurricane season. Like others, he claims his possessions were either lost beneath rubble or stolen by thieves when he rushed items out into the street.

"This country doesn't respect human beings. I'm worse off than after the earthquake.

It's humiliating," Wilner says.

Opposition politicians say they plan to mobilize the newly displaced families in street protests against Martelly's government.

"They only give them a warning of a few minutes and then they start bulldozing? I consider that a crime. These families have nowhere to go and are now homeless again," said Sen. Moise Jean-Charles, a staunch opponent of Martelly.

Government officials say communication about the demolitions could have been better and contend that some building owners who were notified did not tell their tenants of the coming bulldozers.

Public notary Jean-Henry Ceant, who is helping people with their claims, says owners of buildings with proof of their investments are being quickly compensated. But that's a tall order in Haiti, where the land registry is in shambles and it's not always clear who owns what.

Renters are also being compensated, but only the few who can prove they lived in their now-demolished homes for about a decade and paid their utility bills, the head of the agency overseeing the project said.



Men search for items to recover in the rubble of houses razed by bulldozers in downtown of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Demolitions began in June for construction of the "administrative city" in downtown Port-au-Prince. But the plan hailed as a sign of post-quake rebirth by some residents has also set off a firestorm of criticism for creating a new wave of homelessness after many poor renters were given just minutes to vacate their dwellings before bulldozers arrived.

(AP Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery)

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the demolitions, the city center has become dotted with new encampments of tarp shacks in recent weeks. Hills of rubble left by bulldozers have grown so large it almost looks like a fresh quake just hit.

to downtown apartments, are back to living beneath tarps or staying with friends. One of them is Jean-Louis Wilner, a 32-year-old father of a two-year-old boy. After a couple of years living in a tent camp, he thought

US cracks down on Caribbean drug trafficking ring

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)

— Ten suspected members of a multimillion-dollar drug trafficking ring that distributed huge amounts of cocaine throughout Puerto Rico and on the U.S. mainland have been indicted, authorities said Tuesday.

The indictment charges members of the group with generating some \$127 million in revenue by trafficking Colombian cocaine from the Dutch Caribbean

territory of St. Maarten by boat and plane for almost a decade. Nine of them are in custody.

The U.S. Attorney's Office said some of the suspects also laundered \$1.2 million through Puerto Rico's lottery system with help from a person who would offer them winning lottery tickets before they were claimed. Officials said some suspects are accused of claiming to have won the lottery more

than 27 times.

The group also is accused of conspiring to transport more than \$12 million in cash from Puerto Rico to St. Maarten, which shares an island with the French Caribbean territory of St. Martin.

Among the suspects arrested Tuesday was Javier Carrillo, who is described by U.S. authorities as a high-ranking drug supplier in the Caribbean. It was not im-

mediately clear if he had an attorney.

The suspects had several nicknames, with Carrillo known as "Pretty Eyes" and other suspects known as "Ugly" and "Fatty."

In 2012, federal authorities arrested an additional 22 people as part of the same investigation, which is being led by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. Officials said it is continuing.



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Who wouldn't want that?" He finds it a surreal experience to see happy faces every day not only for the food they are serving but also for the gratitude he receives from guests visiting the restaurant. "There are a lot of restaurants out there with great food, but what you cannot find elsewhere on Aruba, and rarely in the world, is a restaurant where the owner is the entertainment and also walks around talking to his guests every single night. To me it is like having a huge house, with interesting guests ev-

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EAGLE BEACH - With one cycle concluded, the next one is shaping up nicely for Windie's Fun in The Sun Summer Camp, starting Monday, July 28th.

The five-day program is filled with activities such as swimming in the semi-Olympic pool at Aqua Windie's and well-supervised visits to Eagle Beach. Also planned, excursions to Reina Beatrix Airport and the Aruba Port Authority on board the party bus, arts and crafts, a live demonstration by the K-9 police team who will showcase the incredible ability and



intelligence of their canine professionals, and an educational session with the ambulance team. A visit to the local water plant, WEB, and the TV station are also on the camp's busy and entertaining agenda. The program costs Awg 225 per kid and included

snacks and refreshments. Kids are required to bring their own flip flops, sunscreen lotion, bathing suits, a towel and a happy disposition, says Jordi Stoelers on staff at Aqua Windie's, who adds that the goal of the camp is to keep children challenged, and su-

pervised by professional swim and sport instructors in a disciplined, safe, clean and structured environment. Aqua Windie's Fun in the Sun Summer Camp starting July 28th to August 1st, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Dr. Horacio Oduer Boulevard #4. □

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PALM BEACH - Leanna and Randy from Massachusetts, USA, are sad: they discovered their favorite restaurant on the island on the evening before they had to fly home again. The 21-year-olds found out about Fishes and More Restaurant when the concierge at their hotel recommended it. When they tasted their

first cocktails, they were in heaven; the pork schnitzel did wonders as well, by the way. Leanna and Randy are no newcomers to the island: this was their second visit already. We are sure they will be back and heading straight to Fishes and More in the Arawak Garden on the Hi-Rise Strip! □



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PALM BEACH -

What started as a part time position turned into permanent employment, says Lidia Jose who celebrated her twenty-five year career at the Caribbean Palm Village Resort, at a special luncheon, hosted by management at the Asian Bistro on Palm Beach.

Interim General Manager Astrid Muller supported by members of management



thanked Lidia, originally from the Dominican Republic, for her many contributions as a housekeeping-supervisor and wished her many more years of good health and active service at the resort. Lidia who has been living in Aruba for 32 years, reports she feels at home at Caribbean Palm Village Resort enjoying excellent relationships with timeshare owners, members of management, board officials and her colleagues, those at the housekeeping department and those at all other departments.

Her dedication and loyalty doesn't go un-noticed, and she is often praised for

great service and added value camaraderie.

On a personal note Lidia is who married her sweetheart Mario Croes, is proud of their six children, three living in Aruba and one each, in the Netherlands, Spain and the Dominican Republic. In the future, she plans to spend more quality time with her thirteen grandchildren including cooking their favorite meals and taking them to the beach. We're pleased with Lidia's achievements and satisfied with her excellent career choices, says Muller, seen here in the picture with her and other members of management at the Asian Bistro. □

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Stage 16



Italy's Vincenzo Nibali, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, waits for the start of the sixteenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 237.5 kilometers (147.6 miles) with start in Carcassonne and finish in Bagnères-de-Luchon, France, Tuesday, July 22, 2014.

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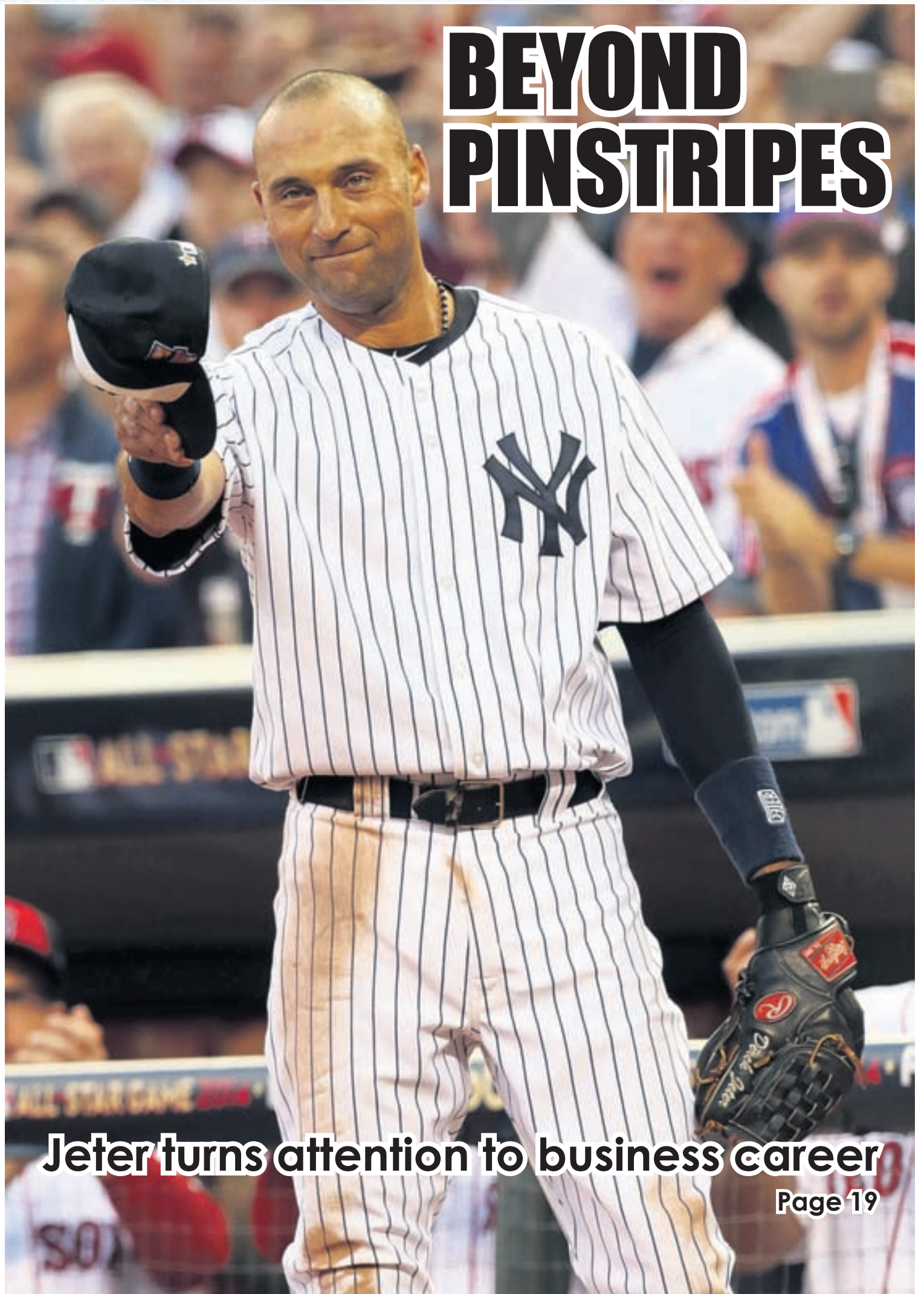
Pyrenees please Nibali, Rogers in Tour

JAMEY KEATEN
Associated Press

BAGNERES-DE-LUCHON, France (AP) — The Pyrenees on Tuesday lived up to their reputation for causing ups and downs at the Tour de France: A French rider climbed in the standings, an American went down, and an Australian rebounding from an ordeal of doping suspicions won Stage 16 in a downhill breakaway. Riding in his 10th Tour, three-time world champion Michael Rogers of Australia won his first Tour stage behind savvy racing, well-paced riding and the absence of his Tinkoff-Saxo Bank leader Alberto Contador. The Spaniard crashed out in Stage 10, inadvertently freeing up Rogers to go after the stage win.

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BEYOND PINSTripES



Jeter turns attention to business career

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American League shortstop Derek Jeter, of the New York Yankees, waves as he is taken out of the game in the top of the fourth inning of the MLB All-Star baseball game, Tuesday, July 15, 2014, in Minneapolis.

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Rory McIlroy is poised to be golf's next big thing

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

HOYLAK, England (AP) —

Golf has been looking for the next big star the last five years, and Rory McIlroy is the most obvious candidate.

With his name on the claret jug and his Irish eyes now focused on a green jacket, McIlroy took a big step toward the career Grand Slam with four dominant days at Royal Liverpool. He looks unbeatable at times like this. Boy Wonder has it all — skill, strength, shot-making. Throw in a great week with the putter and it's not a fair fight.

But being the next big star is not the same as being the next Tiger Woods.

Or even another Jack Nicklaus.

Nicklaus and Woods are defined by the majors, so it's natural for the 25-year-old McIlroy to be linked with them after his two-shot victory in the British Open. Nicklaus and Woods were the only players younger than McIlroy to win three



Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland holds up the Claret Jug trophy after winning the British Open Golf championship at the Royal Liverpool golf club, Hoylake, England, Sunday July 20, 2014.

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legs of the Grand Slam.

Nicklaus had the U.S. Open, Masters and PGA Championship when he was 23. He had been a pro for two years. Woods had the Masters, PGA Championship and U.S. Open when he was 24 and in his fourth full year as a pro. Woods added the career slam a month later.

McIlroy had a head start. He turned pro when he was 18. This is his seventh year playing the majors.

More than the majors, however, is a body of work that keeps Woods in a different league. At least for now.

"We used to say there will never be another Nicklaus, and then along came Tiger," Phil Mickelson said. "You never want to discount the possibility of someone coming along and dominating. But nobody has really asserted themselves week in and week out the way Tiger did for such a long period

of time. We'll have great performances, like Rory this week, like (Martin) Kaymer at the U.S. Open and so forth.

"But it's very hard to do that week in and week out the way Tiger did," he said. "That's why it was so impressive what he did."

Woods had a dip in his game when he overhauled his swing toward the end of his first full season on tour. Once he sorted that out, he won seven out of 11 majors. More than just majors, however, he won 28 tournaments worldwide in a three-year span.

McIlroy, who now has 13 wins worldwide, has been prone to inconsistent play. He missed four cuts in a five-tournament stretch in the summer of 2012 before going on a tear by winning the PGA Championship, consecutive FedEx Cup playoff events and the money title on both sides of the Atlantic.

He went to No. 1 in the world and looked as if he would stay there for a genera-

tion. But he didn't win last year until late November in Australia. Blame that on a combination of signing a new equipment deal, getting into bad habits with his swing and changing management for the second time, this one leading to a legal dispute that still has to be worked out in court.

Off the course, he got engaged to tennis star Caroline Wozniacki, and then surprised everyone five months later by breaking the engagement over the phone. Never a dull moment with McIlroy.

As great as he looked at Hoylake, even more intriguing is where McIlroy goes from here. With so much emphasis on the Masters and a shot at the Grand Slam, McIlroy had to remind himself there is one major still to play before then. The PGA Championship at Valhalla is three weeks away. He is still No. 2 in the world behind Adam Scott, who has the consistency McIlroy needs, but not a reliable putter. □

Stage 16

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Race leader Vincenzo Nibali was still descending from the day's biggest climb, the Porte de Bales, as Rogers crossed and finished 8-1/2 minutes later. But the Italian looks even more likely to win the three-week race on Sunday after keeping pace with possible contenders for the yellow jersey, and gaining time on two others.

One of the laggards was Tejay van Garderen. Unable to keep pace on the Port de Bales, the 25-year-old American was more than 3-1/2 minutes after Nibali. Van Garderen only slipped a spot in the standings, to sixth, but the gap to the rider ahead of him grew. The other laggard was France's Romain Bardet, who finished nearly two minutes back of Nibali. Thibaut Pinot, however, kept pace with Nibali and replaced Bardet as France's top podium hopeful: He rose to third.

For the second straight year, the race's entree to the Pyrenees has dented Van Garderen's podium ambitions.

"It's definitely disappointing," the American said outside his BMC team bus. "I had high hopes for a podium and now it looks like it's taken a big hit ... I just didn't have the legs, I felt a bit empty."

"I'm just hoping I can bounce back and have a better day tomorrow."

A year ago, the Montana native lost more than 10 minutes to the main contenders, including Chris Froome who went on to win that Tour, as they rode up to the Ax 3 Domaines ski station on Stage 8. The year before, in his Tour debut, he lost seconds in the title quest during two Pyrenean stages, but still finished fifth overall and took home the white jersey given to the race's best young rider.

For Rogers, the 237.5-kilometer (147-mile) leg from Carcassonne to Bagneres-de-Luchon — the longest stage this year — was one



of vindication and overdue Tour glory. He took a bow as he crossed the line.

"Every cyclist's dream is to win a stage at the Tour de France," said Rogers, who also won two stages on Italy's Giro this year. "I can't describe the joy I felt in the last 500 meters ... I hope I don't have to wait another 10 years to experience it again."

Rogers came close not to riding in the Giro or the Tour at all.

In a ruling in April, the International Cycling Union accepted that meat Rogers ate in China last year probably caused his positive

doping test at the Japan Cup shortly afterward. He convinced the UCI that he had not intended to cheat, and said the episode was "a very difficult time" for his family.

Rogers was suspended after that positive test. Underscoring the pressure, Cycling Australia said at the time that it would seek a maximum two-year ban if he had been found guilty of doping.

He knew the effects of clenbuterol, which helps to build muscle and burn fat, on riders' careers. Contador lost his 2010 Tour title and served a two-year ban

after testing positive for it in the final week of that race. The Spaniard also argued that ingested it through food, but lost his case.

After the UCI ruling in his own case, Rogers said Tuesday he returned with "a different outlook on life ... Sometimes you need a lesson in life to see the silver lining in the cloud."

Rogers might not have had a chance to win a Tour stage if Contador were still racing this year, because his job would have been more of a support rider. Once the Spaniard crashed out, the team's Plan B was to aim for stage victories.

"I can be grateful, but I'm also very heartbroken that Alberto's not here," Rogers said. As the day began, a breakaway group of 21 riders came together over the first two hours and stuck together for much of the day, chiseling out a lead of more than 12 minutes. Their unity disintegrated on the 12-kilometer Port de Bales, which is considered so hard that it's beyond classification in cycling's ranking system. □

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Jeter turns small part of attention to business

RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) —

Pedestrians craned their necks as Derek Jeter stood in front of a food truck parked across the street from Central Park.

As the New York Yankees captain winds down his baseball-playing life, part of his attention already is turning to his future business career.

He announced the launch of Jeter Publishing, a partnership with Simon & Schuster, last November, and became a partner and brand development officer of Luvo, a food company encouraging healthy nutrition that also struck an agreement with the Yankees. The 40-year-old posed for pictures with the company's first food truck on Monday.

"You've got to get involved with things that mean something to you, like this here does," Jeter said. "I don't think you just attach your name to anything that's out there. It has to mean something."

As he's climbed the lists of Yankees career leaders, alongside Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio, Yogi Berra and Mickey Mantle, Jeter has struck deals with national brands such as Gatorade, Movado, Nike's Brand Jordan, Rawlings, and the memorabilia dealer Steiner Sports.

"My No. 1 priority is to play

right now. I'll have plenty of time to think about that when I'm finished," he said. "It's not immediate. I've been doing this for a long time, so when I'm finished, I want to take some time, where I don't have any schedule, and I can just sit around and enjoy myself. But, yeah, business ventures are important to me." He's not sure how much time he will spend in New York — he'll be in the area sometimes because his parents live in New Jersey and his sister and nephew are in the area. But he's already downsized his Big Apple holdings.

A trust controlled by Jeter sold his 5,425-square-foot apartment on the 70th floor of Trump World Tower in Manhattan in October 2012 for \$15.5 million. His primary residence is set to be the 30,875-square foot house he had constructed on Davis Islands in Tampa, Florida, in 2010-11 that some have nicknamed "St. Jetersburg."

While he doesn't want to coach or manage, he's repeatedly said he would be interested in becoming a team owner, which would



In this Feb. 19, 2014 file photo, New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter answers a question during a news conference in Tampa, Fla. Jeter, saluted at the All-Star game and making a long goodbye this season, finishes his baseball life this fall.

Associated Press

follow the path taken by retired NBA stars Michael Jordan and Magic Johnson and by hockey great Wayne Gretzky — though Gretzky has coached, too. Almost all of his attention remains focused on playing. As the Yankees make their final trips to each city, Jeter is honored and presented with gifts. He was the focus of last week's All-Star game, when Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud

Selig gushed "how lucky can this sport be to have the icon of this generation turn out to be Derek Jeter?" The Yankees said on Friday they will honor him during a pregame ceremony on Sept. 7. Everyone likes to get gifts. You like when people say good things about you," Jeter said. "I don't expect it, but when you receive it, yeah, it makes you feel good." After winning five World

Series titles, Jeter would like to go out with another. The Yankees, at 50-48, are uncertain whether they will make the postseason. Jeter wouldn't say if failure to reach the playoffs would make his final season feel incomplete.

"If. If. If. You know I don't comment on ifs," he said. "My job is to play and make sure we get to where we want to get to, so I don't speculate."

AL Capsules

Ortiz homers twice, Red Sox rout Blue Jays 14-1

The Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — David Ortiz hit the 452nd and 453rd home runs of his career, moving past Boston great Carl Yastrzemski into 36th place on the all-time list as the Red Sox won their fifth straight game Monday night, routing the Toronto Blue Jays 14-1.

Ortiz matched Yastrzemski with a two-run blast to center off left-hander Brad Mills in the fourth, then broke the short-lived tie with another two-run shot off Mills in the fifth, his 21st and 22nd homers of the season.

It was the third multihomer game of the season for Ortiz and the 44th of his career.

Ortiz's first homer ended his 0-for-18 skid against Toronto and an 0-for-11 slump overall.

Mike Napoli followed Ortiz's second shot with his 12th homer, the fourth time this season Boston has gone back-to-back.

John Lackey (11-6) allowed one run and two hits in seven innings to win his second straight start.

RANGERS 4, YANKEES 2

NEW YORK (AP) — Miles Mikolas earned his first win as a starter, pitching into the eighth inning and leading the Rangers to a victory over the sloppy Yankees.

Trailing by a run with none on and two outs in the



Boston Red Sox's David Ortiz hits his second two-run home run of the game during the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Toronto Blue Jays in Toronto on Monday, July 21, 2014.

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sixth, Texas got run-scoring singles from Geovany Soto, Rougned Odor and Choo Shin-soo to go ahead in only its third win in 17 July games.

Adrian Beltre drove in the Rangers' first run with a fielder's choice in the third inning on one of New York's five errors — three by starting pitcher Shane Greene (2-1).

Second baseman Brian Roberts and shortstop Derek Jeter made the other errors for the Yankees, who had not committed five in a nine-inning game since Aug. 20, 1998, against Minnesota.

TWINS 4, INDIANS 3

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Josh Willingham's tiebreaking

home run in the eighth inning sent the Twins to a victory over the Indians.

Kurt Suzuki had a two-run double among his three hits, Trevor Plouffe hit an RBI double and the Twins beat the Indians at home for the first time in more than 11 months.

Suzuki, a first-time All-Star selection who was the catcher for the ninth inning of the American League's victory here at Target Field last week, posted his ninth three-hit game this season. He raised his batting average to .311 and is 25 for 63 in his last 17 games.

In another All-Star game reprise, Glen Perkins pitched a perfect ninth for his 23rd save in 26 chances.

WHITE SOX 3, ROYALS 1

CHICAGO (AP) — Chris Sale pitched seven effective innings in his first outing since the All-Star break and Adam Dunn had two RBIs and scored a run to lead the White Sox to a victory over the slumping Royals.

Sale (9-1) wasn't at his best, allowing seven hits and a walk in seven innings, but he worked out of jams in the fourth and sixth innings. He struck out eight and now has allowed three runs or less in 14 of his 15 starts this season. Jake Petricka pitched the ninth for his fourth save.

Dunn went 1-for-2 with a pair of walks as the White Sox for the fourth time in six games.

Danny Valencia went 1-for-2 with a RBI for Kansas City, which has dropped four straight and seven of eight. Jeremy Guthrie (5-9) gave up three runs on five hits in six innings.

TIGERS 4, DIAMONDBACKS 3

PHOENIX (AP) — Torii Hunter and Austin Jackson homered, and Justin Verlander moved into third place on Detroit's career strikeout list as the Tigers opened their interleague series in Arizona by beating the Diamondbacks.

Miguel Cabrera drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh inning with a booming single just below

the home run line on the Chase Field porch in left-center.

Hunter had a two-run homer in the second, his fifth in the last 15 games. Jackson added a solo shot. Both were off starter Vidal Nuno (0-2).

Verlander (9-8) allowed three runs and six hits in 6 2-3 innings to win for the third time in his last four starts. He struck out five to pass Hal Newhouser on the Tigers' all-time strikeout list (1,772).

Joe Nathan pitched a scoreless ninth for his 20th save in 25 opportunities. Gerardo Parra homered for Arizona.

ORIOLES 4, ANGELS 2

ANAHEIM, California (AP) — Adam Jones hit a pair of two-run homers, including a tiebreaking shot in the sixth inning as the Orioles beat the Angels.

Bud Norris (8-6) won for the fifth time in his last six starts, allowing two runs — one earned — and eight hits over 6 2-3 innings with eight strikeouts and two walks. The Orioles increased their AL East lead to four games over the New York Yankees and Toronto Blue Jays.

Norris was recalled from Double-A Bowie, where he was optioned on July 10 in order to keep him on his regular routine during the All-Star break.

NL Capsules

Jones lifts Marlins past Braves 3-1 in 10

The Associated Press

MARLINS 3, BRAVES 1, 10 innings

ATLANTA (AP) — Garrett Jones drove in two runs with a bases-loaded single in the 10th inning, lifting the Marlins to a victory over the Braves.

Christian Yelich led off the 10th with a single off Shae Simmons (1-2) and moved to second on Jordany Valdespin's sacrifice bunt. Following an intentional walk to Giancarlo Stanton, Simmons walked Casey McGehee to load the bases.

Jones broke a 1-1 tie with his grounder past Simmons into center field.

Bryan Morris (7-0) stranded two runners in a scoreless ninth. Steve Cishek pitched a perfect 10th inning for his 22nd save.

DODGERS 5, PIRATES 2

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ryu Hyun-jin pitched seven strong innings and Adrian Gonzalez reached base five times as the Dodgers beat the Pirates.

Ryu (11-5) joined Zack Greinke and Clayton Kershaw in making the Dodgers the first team in the majors with

three 11-game winners. The left-hander allowed two runs and five hits with a walk and five strikeouts.

Justin Turner had two RBIs and scored twice for the Dodgers, who snapped Pittsburgh's six-game home winning streak. Pirates starter Edinson Volquez (8-7) had won four straight starts, tying his career high.

Los Angeles played without right fielder Yasiel Puig (left hand) and shortstop Hanley Ramirez (left wrist) after both were injured when they were hit by pitches last weekend in St. Louis.

Puig and Ramirez had X-rays in Pittsburgh that came back negative Monday.

GIANTS 7, PHILLIES 4

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Adam Duvall hit a two-run homer to spoil Cliff Lee's return from the disabled list as the Giants beat the Phillies. Hunter Pence had three hits and two RBIs, Buster Posey drove in two runs and the Giants remained tied with the Los Angeles Dodgers for first place in the NL West. Giants starter Ryan Vogelsong gave up four runs — three earned — and 11 hits in three-plus innings.



Miami Marlins first baseman Garrett Jones (46) drives in the game-winning run with a two-run single in the 10th inning of a baseball game against the Atlanta Braves in Atlanta, Monday, July 21, 2014. Miami won 3-1.

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By: Dr Carlos Viana

Certain metals are essential for human health like iron, zinc, copper, manganese, chromium, molybdenum, selenium, calcium and sodium. Of course, we need these only in trace, or very small amounts. These metals are found naturally in the earth where plants and animals absorb them and then pass them to us as food. Other metals known as heavy or toxic metals are elements that cannot be metabolized by the body and include: mercury, nickel, lead, arsenic, cadmium, aluminum, platinum, and copper (the metallic form found in copper pipes, versus the ionic form required by the body). Exposure to heavy metals has been linked with developmental retardation, various cancers, kidney damage, and even death in cases of very high of exposure. The fact is that we are all being exposed to and absorbing harmful substances to some degree every day. Aluminum powder is found in kitchen pots, toothpaste and underarm deodorant and processed foods. Mercury from amalgam (silver) fillings breaks down and leaks a toxic gas into our brains. And, these are just a few examples. We may not be able to control all the toxic metals we are exposed to, but we can control some. Most people are shocked to find out that metal and chemicals from your kitchen pots and pans can leach

into your food, especially under high cooking temperatures. Even a small amount of metal or chemical can affect the taste of your food, not to mention, your health. Want a check for yourself? Put a half a glass of clean water into one of your pots and scrub the bottom with a brand new plastic scouring pad. Scrub for thirty seconds, and then pour the water into the glass. What do you see? Would you drink that water? If the water is cloudy or if the water tastes metallic, you should consider changing your cookware. Acidic and alkaline foods will increase the leaching of metals from your pots into your food. Generally, vinegar and fruits are the most acidic foods and include lemon juice, apples, blueberries, cherries, grapes, grapefruit, peaches, pears, pineapple, plums, and raspberries. The more acidic vegetables include: pimentos, tomatoes, or anything processed with vinegar or acid liquid, such as artichokes or beets from a jar or can. Alkaline or basic foods include eggs, garlic, onion, potatoes, avocados, bananas, spinach, broccoli, carrots, peas, and my favorite, unsweetened chocolate. The body has a much higher tolerance for acid foods than basic foods. That is because acidic foods tend to push the body to a, healthier more alkaline position. Inexpensive and excellent at transferring heat quickly to food, aluminum has been used for kitchenware for a long time. Aluminum is fairly soft and will release more molecules into the food than harder metals used in other cookware. Alkaline foods will increase the amount of

aluminum that leaches into the food. Aluminum cookware is definitely linked to an increasing chance of early onset Alzheimer's disease. Medical research has shown that approximately 20% of the daily intake of aluminum has been proven to come from cooking utensils (pans, pots, kettles, and trays) made of aluminum. In 1961, "The Happy Pan", the first US-made Teflon coated frying pan was introduced and became popular because Teflon is used as a non-stick coating. However, while Teflon is stable and nontoxic, it begins to deteriorate after the temperature of cookware reaches about 260 °C; 500 °F, and decomposes above 350 °C; 662 °F. Meat is usually fried between 400 and 450 °F (204 and 232 °C), and most oils will start to smoke, meaning they are turning rancid before a temperature of 500 °F, 260 °C is reached. Empty cookware can easily exceed this temperature upon heating. Overheating of Teflon generates highly toxic fumes and poses a serious health hazard to the human respiratory tract. Heated to its smoking point Teflon fumes are ten times as toxic as phosgene gas, a chemical weapon used in both World Wars. In May, 2003, the environmental research and advocacy organization, Environmental Working Group, filed a brief with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission petitioning for a rule requiring that cookware and heated appliances bearing non-stick coatings carry a label warning of health hazards to people and to birds. Cast iron cookware can leach dietary iron into food which is actually a good

thing. People with anemia may benefit from the added iron in the food. However, Cast iron is very heavy, rusts if not handled correctly and not practical for all types of cooking. Stainless steel is the better choice for cookware, but even good stainless, after it has been used and scoured with steel wool pad, or dinged and pitted through years of use, leaches some metals into your food. Stainless steel is actually a mixture of several metals, including chromium, molybdenum and nickel, all of which can trickle into foods. Chromium and molybdenum are needed by the body in very small amounts, but nickel, is a toxic metal known as a carcinogen or cancer causing. We test patients for toxins contributing to health problems using hair. Hair growing out of the body brings its message of what the environment was like inside. Diagnosing a hair element test result, I can usually tell you what kind of pots and pans you are using in your kitchen. Nickel and aluminum are heavy metals we see often in hair toxicity test results. Other metals we test for include lead, tin, arsenic and mercury. The Center for Disease Control acknowledges the value of hair mercury levels as a marker for exposure to neurotoxic methylmercury from fish in mothers and children. We see mercury in all ages also form exposure to dental amalgams, even in children who never had silver fillings, but their parents did. Get The Point! We may not be able to control everything in our environment, but we can

control our food choices, our lifestyle and do our part in keeping our body's environment clean and healthy. If you want to know what toxins are being absorbed into your body and how to detox naturally and safely, visit, call or email so we can arrange a hair analysis test and personal health program for you. Meanwhile, if you want to stop eating your pots and pans, we are proud to be offering the healthiest option in cookware made with titanium as a new addition to our clinic services and health products. Call us for information and a free demonstration.

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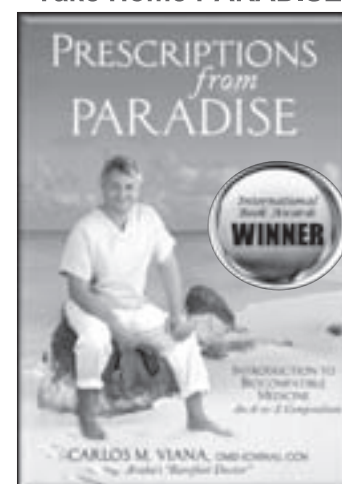
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Comcast 2Q earnings top views on Internet hookups

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Comcast's second-quarter net income rose 15 percent to nearly \$2 billion as it added high-speed Internet customers at a faster pace and video subscriber losses moderated. The nation's largest cable provider topped Wall Street estimates and shares edged up in afternoon trading. The nation's largest cable provider said Tuesday that net income rose to \$1.99 billion, or 76 cents per share, up from \$1.73 billion, or 65 cents per share, a year ago. Excluding a gain on its sale

of a stake in set-top box maker Arris Group Inc. and other items, Comcast posted adjusted earnings of 75 cents per share, beating the 72 cents expected by analysts polled by FactSet. Revenue grew nearly 4 percent to \$16.84 billion, short of the \$16.95 billion that analysts were looking for. Revenue a year ago was \$16.27 billion. Jefferies & Co. analyst Mike McCormack said the quarter was healthy as cable continued to perform well and NBC Universal grew more profitable. Cable hookup revenue, up 5 percent at \$11.03

billion, was slightly better than expected, but NBCUniversal revenue, flat at \$6.02 billion, was less than analysts predicted. Comcast Corp. is in the midst of a regulatory review of its proposed \$45.2 billion acquisition of No. 2 cable company Time Warner Cable Inc. Comcast CEO Brian Roberts said in a call with analysts that the FCC began a 180-day review period on July 10, and the company expects to have a shareholder vote on the acquisition in the fall. The company added a net 203,000 Internet cus-

tomers since the last quarter, bringing the number to 21.3 million. That's 8 percent more than it added in the same period a year ago. It lost 144,000 video customers, ending up with 22.5 million. The video losses broke two quarters of gains, but the company said it was largely due to the seasonal pattern of college students leaving school and vacationers from Canada disconnecting before heading back up north. The losses were not as bad as the 162,000 it lost in the same period a year ago. □

Credit Suisse in steep loss after US tax case penalty

JOHN HEILPRIN
Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — Credit Suisse, Switzerland's second-biggest bank, posted a second-quarter net loss of 700 million Swiss francs (\$779 million) Tuesday after paying the largest penalty ever imposed in a U.S. criminal tax case.

The steep loss contrasted sharply with the profit of 1.045 billion francs (\$1.16 billion) it posted in the April-June period a year ago. It resulted in what the bank called a final settlement of the U.S. government's case against the bank for helping wealthy Americans avoid paying taxes through secret offshore accounts.

The Zurich-based bank pleaded guilty in May to aiding U.S. tax evaders and agreed to pay about \$2.6 billion to the U.S. government and regulators, allowing it to put the criminal investigation behind it.

"I want to reiterate that we deeply regret the past misconduct that led to this settlement and that we take full responsibility for it," Chief Executive Brady Dougan said in a statement. "The continued trust and support of our clients helped us mitigate the impact of the settlement on our business."

The bank took a charge of 1.6 billion Swiss francs (\$1.78 billion) as part of its settlement over the U.S. tax evasion charges.

Credit Suisse announced it has exited commodities trading, a move that it says will allow it to transfer resources to shore up its private banking.

It also said it had trimmed its worldwide staff to 45,100 by the second quarter from 46,300 a year earlier, and has already cut costs by 3.4 billion francs out of a total 4.5 billion francs it plans to cut by the end of next year. Shares of Credit Suisse AG closed down nearly 1 percent at 25.84 francs Tuesday on the Zurich exchange. □

Wall Street climbs on solid earnings reports

NEW YORK (AP) — Solid earnings for a range of big companies helped nudge the stock market higher on Tuesday. The restaurant chain Chipotle Mexican Grill and the cable giant Comcast surged after reporting bet-

optimistic tone, he said, instead of warning about possible dangers. "In the past, they all spent their time tempering expectations," Kinahan said. "This earnings season we're not seeing that at all. I think people are taking comfort

index. The burrito chain reported that stronger sales drove its quarterly profit up 26 percent. The restaurant chain's results beat analysts' expectations, even as it raised prices on a range of menu items. Comcast, the country's

reports to gauge the financial health of Corporate America, and in turn, the U.S. economy. Roughly 150 companies in the S&P 500 will report their results this week, including AT&T and Boeing on Wednesday. Visa and Amazon will report on Thursday.

Not all the results released Tuesday were positive. Weak sales of Diet Coke and fruit juice weighed down Coca-Cola's second-quarter results, leading the company to post weaker revenue than Wall Street expected. Overall profit fell slightly. Coca-Cola's stock sank \$1.21, or 3 percent, to \$41.19.

Even though companies continue to post higher profits, the market still looks expensive compared to its historical average. The S&P 500 currently trades for 17.4 times earnings over the previous 12 months. The long-run average is closer to 15.

"In the short term, I expect the market to continue higher," said Brad McMillan, the chief investment officer at Commonwealth Financial. "But I am concerned about the market's valuation."

On the economic front, investors got another tame report on inflation. U.S. consumer prices inched up 0.3 percent in June, with most of the increase coming from higher gasoline prices, according to the Labor Department. □



Trader Dudley Devine, center, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Solid earnings for a range of big companies helped nudge the stock market higher on Tuesday.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

ter results than Wall Street expected. "The news today is pretty good," said JJ Kinahan, chief strategist at TD Ameritrade. Kinahan pointed to a report out Tuesday that showed little sign of inflation and an overall stronger outlook for earnings. During conference calls to discuss quarterly results, more CEOs are taking an

in it." The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 9.90 points, or 0.5 percent, to 1,983.53. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 61.81 points, or 0.4 percent, to 17,113.54. The Nasdaq composite advanced 31.31 points, or 0.7 percent, to 4,456.02. Chipotle surged \$69.84, or 12 percent, to \$659.77, the biggest gain in the S&P 500

largest cable company, reported quarterly profits that topped Wall Street's targets as more people signed up for Internet service. Comcast gained 81 cents, or 1.5 percent, to \$54.63. Wall Street is in the middle of corporate earnings season, when companies release their quarterly results. Investors pore over those

DuPont second quarter profit climbs 3.9 percent

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — DuPont Co. (DD) on Tuesday reported net income that climbed by 3.9 percent in its second quarter, matching analyst expectations.

Shares of the Wilmington, Delaware, company jumped before markets opened and after it released results.

DuPont said profit increased

to \$1.07 billion, or \$1.15 per share, from \$1.03 billion, or \$1.11 per share, in the same quarter a year earlier.

Earnings, adjusted for non-recurring costs, were \$1.17 per share.

The average per-share estimate of analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research was for profit of \$1.17.

The company said revenue

decreased 1.4 percent to \$9.71 billion from \$9.84 billion in the same quarter a year earlier, and missed Wall Street forecasts.

Analysts expected \$10.02 billion, according to Zacks. The chemical giant booked a \$263 million charge in the quarter tied to severance payments and other costs from the separation of its performance chemicals

segment and a push to improve productivity. It also recorded a \$391 million gain from the sale of a business.

DuPont said its board approved a 2-cent increase in the quarterly dividend it pays shareholders. The new payout of 47 cents per share is payable Sept. 12 to shareholders of record on Aug. 15.

Company shares rose more than 4 percent, or \$2.78, to \$68.32 in premarket trading.

The stock had climbed only 57 cents, or less than 1 percent, to \$65.54 since the beginning of the year, as of Monday's market close. The Standard & Poor's 500 index has climbed 6.8 percent over the same span.

Marlboro maker Altria's 2Q profit stays flat on pricing

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Marlboro maker Altria Group posted flat second-quarter earnings Tuesday as higher prices helped to offset decline in the number of cigarettes it sold.

The owner of the nation's biggest cigarette maker, Philip Morris USA, also announced a new \$1 billion share buyback program to be completed by the end of 2015 and narrowed its full-year earnings guidance.

The Richmond company reported earnings of \$1.26 billion, or 64 cents per share, in the quarter ended June 30, compared with \$1.26 billion, or 63 cents per share, a year ago.

Excluding one-time items, earnings were 65 cents per share, matching projections from analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research.

Revenue, excluding excise taxes, rose about 1 percent to \$4.57 billion. Analysts expected \$4.62 billion, according to Zacks.

Its shares fell 57 cents to \$41.44 in morning trading Tuesday.

Cigarette shipments fell

5 percent to 32.1 billion cigarettes. Volumes of its premium Marlboro brand fell nearly 5 percent but its share of the retail U.S. market rose 0.3 percentage points to 44 percent. The company's share of the U.S. retail market rose 0.3 percentage points to 51 percent.

The Marlboro brand has been under pressure from competitors and lower-priced cigarette brands amid economic uncertainty and high unemployment.

The brand sold for an average of \$5.93 per pack during the second quarter, compared with an average of \$4.47 per pack for the cheapest brand.

That's on top of the tax hikes, smoking bans and a social stigma that have made the cigarette business tougher.

Altria Group Inc. and others are focusing on cigarette alternatives — such as electronic cigarettes, cigars, snuff and chewing tobacco — for future sales growth because the decline in cigarette smoking is expected to continue.

Shipments of its smokeless tobacco brands such as Copenhagen and Skoal grew 1.6 percent. Volumes for its Black & Mild cigars

sion of its MarkTen e-cigarette last month.

For the full year, the company said Tuesday that it expects adjusted earnings

Altria also owns a wine business, holds a voting stake in brewer SABMiller, and has a financial services business.

During a conference call



Marlboro cigarettes are on display at a liquor store in Palo Alto, Calif. Marlboro maker Altria Group Inc. reported flat quarterly financial results on Tuesday, July 22, 2014.

(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

rose nearly 9 percent. Both segments gained retail market share.

The company also said it began the national expansion

of between \$2.54 and \$2.59 per share. Analysts with the research data firm FactSet have projected earnings of \$2.56 per share.

Tuesday, CEO Marty Barrington declined to comment on a plan by Reynolds American Inc. to buy Lorillard Inc. for \$25 billion.

Wireless division helps bump Verizon 2Q profit up 93%

PETER SVENSSON
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Verizon reported Tuesday that its second-quarter earnings nearly doubled after it secured full ownership of Verizon Wireless.

Profit jumped to \$4.32 billion from \$2.25 billion, or 78 cents per share. Net income per share grew, but

at a lower rate, to \$1.01 per share from 78 cents per share. That's because Verizon issued shares in February to pay Vodafone Group PLC shareholders for their share of Verizon Wireless.

Adjusted for non-recurring gains, chiefly from the sale of spectrum licenses to T-Mobile US, earnings were

91 cents per share. That just edged out the 90 cents per share that analysts were expecting, according to a survey by Zacks Investment Research.

Revenue rose 5.7 percent to \$31.48 billion from \$29.79 billion last year. Analysts expected \$31.09 billion, according to Zacks.

Before February, Ve-

erizon Communications Inc. owned only 55 percent of Verizon Wireless, which is vastly more profitable than the Verizon's wholly-owned landline and FiOS properties. Vodafone, a British cellphone company, owned the rest until it was bought out for \$130 billion in cash and stock.

Verizon Wireless, the coun-

try's largest cellphone carrier, continued its strong run in the second quarter. It added a net 1.4 million devices to Verizon-branded services, for a total of 104.6 million. Revenues grew 7.5 percent year over year. Tablets were a chief driver: Verizon added three tablets for every new smartphone.

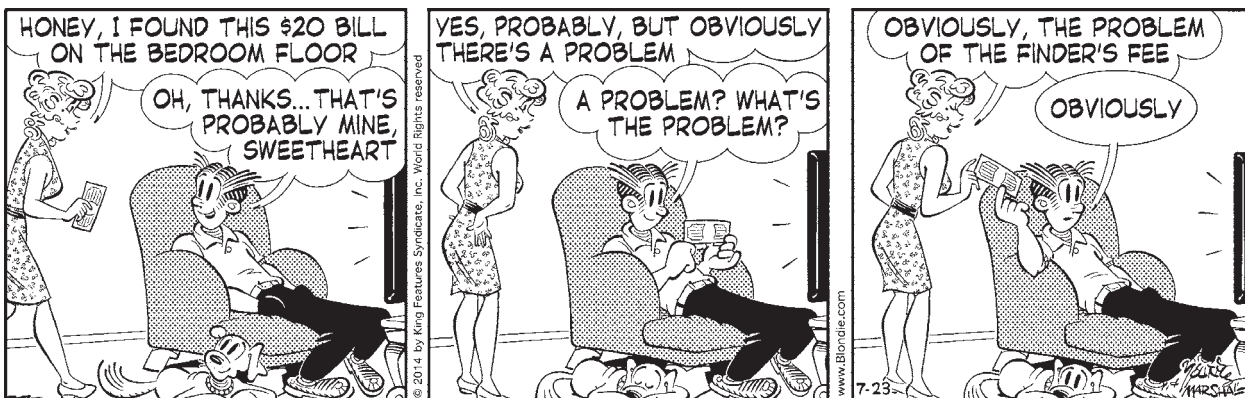
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

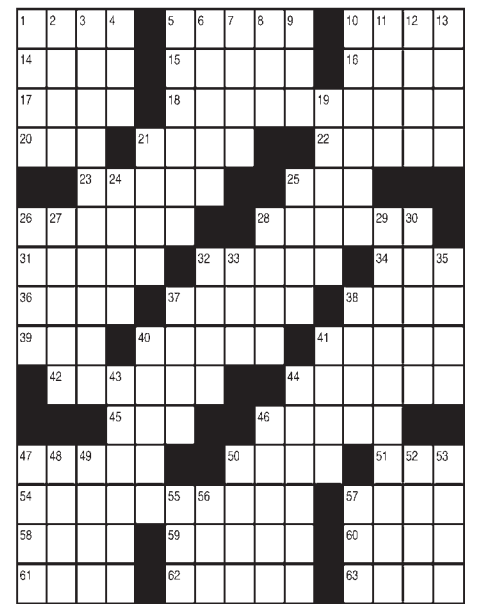
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- Pieces of living room furniture
- Part of the ear
- Greasy
- Wear away
- Not up yet
- Overdue
- Sickening
- To and back and forth
- Invoice
- Flag-maker
- Ross
- Hockey scores
- Piece of cookware
- Clef; music symbol
- Physician
- Detested
- Place for rouge
- Cath. or Episc.
- Sore
- Cereal grain
- Peru's capital
- Golf ball holder
- Sharp piece of glass
- Stiff
- Dresser compartment
- Opposite of seriousness
- Comfy room
- Fine tablecloth fabric
- Large kitchen appliance
- Extensive
- First letters
- Proponent of free enterprise
- Tearful request
- Hatchets
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- Excavation site
- Get educated
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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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Contrarian's

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For all the prescience from this latest Levy, he thinks the origin of the world's economic malaise is far more complex and deep than investors focused on the housing collapse think. The problem is not just that people in the U.S. took on mortgages they couldn't afford, but too much borrowing of many kinds in many countries, and by businesses as well as individuals. This buildup of excessive debt started so long ago — Levy dates it to the 1980s in the U.S. — that people no longer know what's prudent. Many economists, for instance, are impressed that debt held by U.S. households has fallen from 130 percent of annual take-home income before the crisis to 104 percent, suggesting that people aren't borrowing too much. But what is a healthy level? Levy is not sure, but he's suspects it's a lot lower, noting that, in 1985, it was 74 percent of people's income. Whether all this means a U.S. recession is a different matter.

Steven Ricchiuto, chief economist at Mizuho Securities, also thinks people are missing signs of a coming global slowdown, but that the U.S. economy will continue to grow anyway. Daniel Alpert, author of a grim book called "Age of Oversupply" about the glut in exports from foreign countries that so worries Levy, doesn't think the U.S. will fall into recession, either. And Cornell's Prasad, who sees many of the same problems as Levy, suspects emerging economies may be "bottoming out," suggesting investors buying their stocks now might not be so stupid after all. □

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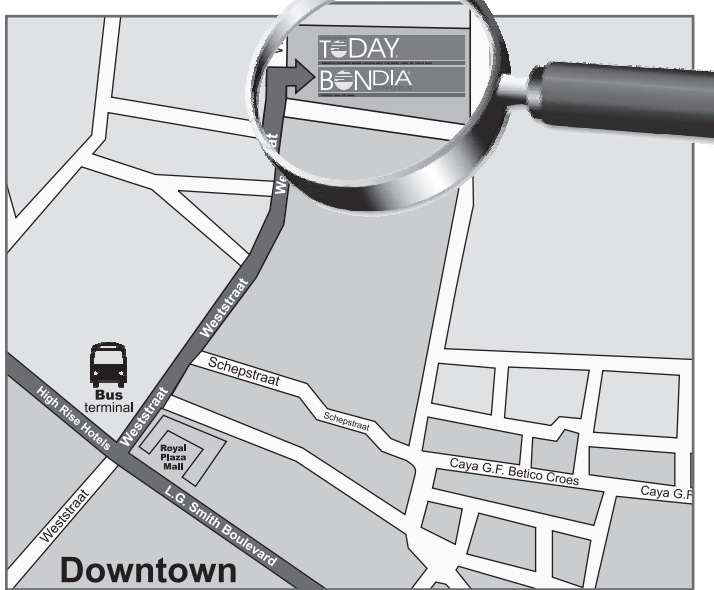
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Genetic mapping triggers new hope on schizophrenia

SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists have linked more than 100 spots in our DNA to the risk of developing schizophrenia, casting light on the mystery of what makes the disease tick.

Such work could eventually point to new treatments, although they are many years away. Already, the new results provide the first hard genetic evidence to bolster a theory connecting the immune system to the disease.

More than 100 researchers from around the world collaborated in the biggest-ever genomic mapping of schizophrenia, for which scientists had previously uncovered only about a couple of dozen risk-related genes.

The study included the genetic codes of more than 150,000 people — nearly 37,000 of them diagnosed with the disease. Researchers found 108 genetic markers for risk of getting the disease, 83 of them not previously reported. And scientists say there are still likely more to be found.

"It's a genetic revelation; schizophrenia has been a mystery," said study co-author Steve McCarroll, director of genetics for the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard. "Results like this give you things to work on. It takes it out of the zone of guesses about which genes are relevant."

The results were released Monday by the journal *Nature*. It takes large studies to ferret out genes related to schizophrenia risk because each gene generally has only a very weak effect.

Schizophrenia is a debili-



This 2013 file photo provided by Cardiff University shows Dr. Michael O'Donovan, deputy director of the MRC Centre for Neuropsychiatric Genetics and Genomics at Cardiff University School of Medicine in Cardiff, Wales, United Kingdom.

tating mental disorder that makes it hard to tell the difference between what is real and not real, and affects about one out of every 100 people. Studies estimate that it costs \$60 billion in the U.S. each year. Scientists have long known that genes play a part, and this work further confirms that.

The results are a "big step" toward finding drug therapies, said study lead author Dr. Michael O'Donovan, deputy director of the MRC Centre for Neuropsychiatric Genetics and Genomics at Cardiff University School of Medicine in Wales. While 108 genetic markers are a lot, the study authors say they tend to implicate a narrower group of biological functions, giving some but not too many hints for scientists to pursue.

"It's a map or maze. It's telling you where to start,

it's not telling you where to end," O'Donovan said.

Scientists who didn't work on the study were excited by the possibilities it opens up. "This makes me more optimistic than I was yesterday," said American Psychiatric Association president Dr. Thomas Summergrad, psychiatrist-in-chief at Tufts Medical Center.

Dr. Thomas Insel, director of the National Institute of Mental Health, which funded the work, said the study provides useful hints about the biology of the disease,

especially the link to the immune system.

"This really is a big step forward," Insel said. "It's not an answer; it's a step forward toward an answer." Scientists already knew that families with autoimmune disorders tend to have higher rates of schizophrenia, and there's been a link between certain viral infections in the second trimester of pregnancy and higher rates of schizophrenia in offspring, Insel said. With the new work, "now it's very clear that there's

something going in the immune system" with schizophrenia, said Eric Lander, founding director of the Broad Institute, which was heavily involved in the research.

O'Donovan figures most people have at least 20 to 30 genes that nudge them toward developing schizophrenia, probably many more, but don't have the disorder itself.

That's because it may still take an environmental or emotional trigger to bring on the illness. Insel was especially excited about one study finding, that people with the most genetic markers were 15 times more likely to have schizophrenia than those with the fewest markers.

He said he hoped that scientists can eventually develop a genetic test to identify young people at high risk for the disease, so they can be offered early treatment.

But O'Donovan and McCarroll said the work is way too preliminary to even hint at that. Even the people with elevated risk of schizophrenia according to the test were far more likely to be free of the disorder than to have it.

As for developing treatments, "I don't want to pretend than anybody's going to make drugs easily," Lander said.

Northwest wildlife refuges to phase out pesticide

By JEFF BARNARD
Associated Press

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) -- Federal wildlife refuges in the Northwest and Hawaii will phase out a class of pesticides that are chemically similar to nicotine because they pose a threat to bees and other pollinators key to crop growth. The region covering Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Hawaii is the first in the agency to ban neonicotinoids. There is room for exemptions, but the goal is to phase out the pesticides by January 2016, U.S. Fish

and Wildlife Service spokeswoman Miel Corbett said Monday. The agency's pest management policy calls for pest-killing methods that pose the least risk to wildlife, and there is scientific evidence that neonicotinoids kill bees and other pollinators, said Kim Trust, the agency's deputy regional director of refuges. "We made the decision because we are concerned over the global decline in all pollinators - bees and butterflies," she said. Pollinators such as domestic honeybees and wild

bumblebees and butterflies are vital to the proliferation of domestic crops as well as wild plants, spreading pollen that fertilizes the seed-producing flowers while they gather nectar. Their numbers have been declining worldwide. Neonicotinoids are commonly applied as a coating on seeds such as corn, wheat, barley and soybeans planted on refuges both as commercial crops and to benefit wildlife, according to Fish and Wildlife Service documents on the ban.



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Indian actress Freida Pinto, smiles, during the Girl Summit 2014, at the Walworth Academy, in London, Tuesday, July 22, 2014.
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Freida Pinto speaks at girls' rights summit

LONDON (AP) — Actress Freida Pinto of "Slumdog Millionaire" fame has joined forces with girls' rights campaigners in calling for an end to the practice of female genital mutilation.

The Indian actress, an ambassador for an international children's development organization, called Tuesday for more progress to abolish the practice as she addressed Britain's inaugural "Girl Summit."

UNICEF, the United Nations' children agency, said some progress has been made on ending female genital mutilation, most commonly practiced in Africa and the Middle East. It is still highly prevalent in Egypt, Sudan, Mali and Somalia.

The agency and Britain's government hope that the summit will help galvanize action to end the practice

within a generation.

Britain's government announced new measures to tackle the problems in the U.K., including prosecution for parents if they fail to prevent their daughters from being subjected to the practice.

The one-day event also focused on child marriages, which UNICEF says affects 700 million women alive today, especially in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.

Also to address the summit was Malala Yousafzai, the teenager who was shot by the Taliban and recovered to become a global campaigner for education and women's rights.

"Traditions are not sent from heaven, they are not sent from God," she said. "It is we who make cultures and we have the right to change it and we should change it." □

U.S. agency goes off topic, tweets about Kardashian

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's fight to clean up water pollution got a splash of pop culture Tuesday, thanks to an Internet flub involving reality TV star Kim Kardashian.

The verified Twitter account for the EPA's Office of Water mistakenly published a message Monday night about an online game, "Kim Kardashian: Hollywood," in which players walk red carpets, attend photo shoots and get dolled up like a Kardashian. An agency spokeswoman said the off-topic tweet was done by an intern.

The government's tweet was removed within hours from the @EPAwater account, but not before a tweet from the account of Democratic Rep. John Dingell, a Democrat, the

88-year-old co-author of the Clean Water Act, poked fun by asking what a Kardashian is.

Dingell's account on Tuesday tweeted: "Staff has now informed me of what a Kardashian is. I'm only left with more questions."

The brief intersection between a celebrity and the federal agency in charge of tackling pollution gave an obscure EPA office a surge in popularity. Kardashian's lavish wedding to Kanye West made international headlines, and her show "Keeping up with the Kardashians" has been popular on the E! network for nine seasons.

The agency took the mistake in jest. On Tuesday, the EPA account thanked Kardashian for its 15 minutes of fame.

"Whoops . our bad. Sorry about tweet," the message



In this May 5, 2014, file photo, Kim Kardashian attends The Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute benefit gala celebrating "Charles James: Beyond Fashion" in New York.
Associated Press

read. "Upside - more attention for the Office of Water (water.epa.gov), thanks @KimKardashian." □

Nathan Lane: Straight actors can play gay roles



Nathan Lane speaks on stage during the Live from Lincoln Center, "The Nance" panel, at the the PBS 2014 Summer TCA held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Tuesday, July 22, 2014, in Beverly Hills, Calif.
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BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP) — Gay actors shouldn't have a monopoly on gay roles, award-winning stage and screen actor Nathan Lane said.

Lane, who is gay and has played both straight and gay characters, was asked the question at a TV critics' meeting Tuesday. He was there to discuss PBS' presentation of the Broadway play "The Nance," in which

he stars.

"We just had 'The Normal Heart' (with) Mark Ruffalo, fantastic job. I think who's right for the part and most talented" should be hired, Lane said. Ruffalo, who is straight, starred as a gay man in the AIDS drama for HBO.

"That way only madness lies. ... I wouldn't have played Nathan Detroit or Max Bialystock" if casting

followed such rigid rules, Lane said. He won a Tony Award for his Broadway portrayal of larcenous producer Bialystock in "The Producers" and was a nominee as gambler Detroit in "Guys and Dolls."

Lane is an Emmy nominee this year for his guest role as wedding planner Pepper Saltzman in ABC's sitcom "Modern Family."

Hollywood has been criticized for casting white actors as ethnic characters and, as gay characters have become an increasing part of movies and TV, giving such roles to straight actors. "Will & Grace" came under fire for casting straight actor Eric McCormack as a gay man.

"The Nance," which earned Lane another Tony bid this year, is about a gay burlesque performer in 1930s New York. It airs Oct. 10 on PBS' "Live From Lincoln Center" as part of the series 40th anniversary season. □

Working late in life, directors refuse to say cut

The Associated Press

Visiting a retired Frank Capra at his Sierra Nevada hideaway, Clint Eastwood was baffled.

"I always thought: 'He could be making a film right now. He's as lucid as could be. Here's the great Frank Capra not doing it,'" Eastwood recalled of the famed director, who died in 1991 at 94, three decades after his last film. "I always thought, 'I wonder why that is?'"

Eastwood, who at 84 just released the musical "Jersey Boys" and wrapped shooting on the Navy SEAL drama "American Sniper," isn't the only filmmaker blowing past conventional retirement age. This Friday, Woody Allen, 78, will, like clockwork, release his latest, the French Riviera romantic comedy "Magic in the Moonlight." He's also already on to the next one, shooting in Rhode Island



In this Thursday, July 16, 2014 photo, Writer/Director Woody Allen and Soon-Yi Previn arrive at the premiere of "Magic In The Moonlight" in New York.

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In this June 19, 2014 file photo, Director/Producer Clint Eastwood attends the Warner Bros. Premiere of "Jersey Boys" at the 2014 Los Angeles Film Festival held at Regal Cinemas LA Live Stadium 14, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

this summer.

In June came "Venus in Fur," from 80-year-old Roman Polanski. And in May, 83-year-old Jean-Luc Godard, the perpetual enfant terrible, premiered his 3-D "Goodbye to Language" at the Cannes Film Festival. Both European iconoclasts remain as mischievous in old age as Allen and Eastwood have been steadfast. Polanski's film is a gloriously comic, self-referential gender play. Godard's film — in which his dog played a starring role — was more experimental than most

25-year-old's would dare. It was greeted in Cannes by an audience member's cry: "Godard forever!"

At a time when literary giants like Philip Roth, 81, and Alice Munro, 83, have quit their craft, many of cinema's auteurs have stubbornly persisted, while at the same time churning out frequently acclaimed, often vibrant films in a youth-driven industry.

"In Hollywood there is that kind of hackneyed, commercial thinking where they think, 'Oh, this guy is over the hill, this guy can't

direct that kind of picture,'" says Allen. "But the truth of the matter is that in my lifetime, there have been many directors like John Ford, John Huston, Billy Wilder who were wonderful as they got older and they made sometimes better pictures than they made when they were younger."

Certainly, film history is littered with directors who worked well past retirement age. Akira Kurosawa, Sidney Lumet and Robert Altman all worked into their 80s, producing some fine films: Altman's "Gosford Park," Kurosawa's "Dreams," Lumet's "Before the Devil Knows You're Dead."

Huston, at 81, died months after the release of "The Dead," his Oscar-nominated adaptation of the James Joyce story. The French film director Alain Resnais was active right up to his passing, at 91, in March.

Such longevity would only be possible for widely admired filmmakers who still have the drive to tell a story and the industry weight to attract financing. Because of tight-fisted studios, it's ar-



In this May 15, 2001 file photo, Swiss director Jean-Luc Godard poses during a photocall for his film "Eloge de l'Amour," which will be screened in competition at the 54th International Film Festival in Cannes, southern France.

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In this Feb. 28, 2014 file photo, Polish-French film director Roman Polanski holds his best director award during the 39th French Cesar Awards Ceremony in Paris.

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guably harder today to get a movie made than ever before, adding to what's already a hugely taxing profession.

Martin Scorsese, 71, sounded slightly dejected by this part of contemporary moviemaking when releasing "The Wolf of Wall Street," an explicit romp of a movie few would associate with a director in his 70s. But it also took years to get a green light.

"The problem is, it's too much," Scorsese said last year. "It's almost becoming that I want to do so much, and when you get to this vantage point, there's not much time left." Around the same time, Scorsese guessed he had about two movies left in him.

Ridley Scott, 76, has mirrored Scorsese in prolificacy. Along with the Moses tale "Exodus: Gods and Kings" due out later this year, he has a dozen projects in development as a producer and plans for a "Blade Runner" sequel. But few have kept their edge like Scorsese. Late-period films are generally more placid things. Often, even a good film for a master filmmaker late in life is merely a footnote to their younger, more urgent work.

Such a fear has previously prompted Quentin Tarantino, 51, to declare that he'll never become "an old-man filmmaker."

He has instead suggested he will quit moviemaking around 60 so as to not dilute his filmography with weaker rehashes.

But such catalog care is of little concern for others, who continually filter their lives through a camera lens. Between the two of them, Eastwood and Allen have combined to make a staggering 20 films since turning 70.

What compels them to make a film year after year? The answer, Allen said in an earlier interview, is pure distraction from sitting at home pondering, "Gee, life is meaningless. We're all going to die."

"I get to get up in the morning and go into work and there's Penelope Cruz, these beautiful women and scintillating guys — Alec Baldwin, Jesse Eisenberg," said Allen. "So I'm distracted for the day with trivial problems."

If for Allen filmmaking is a way to order his day-to-day life, for Eastwood, it's a means for staying young. Age, he says, is "a mental outlook." Maintaining interest — in moviemaking or anything else — is his secret to life.

One striking commonality between the likes of Allen, Eastwood and even Godard is that none are abundantly precious about their films. None, for example, are likely to go past take two or spend five years laboring over a project. □

The Parent Trap



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When I was about 9 years old, I graduated to a Little League whose diamonds were a few miles from our house, in a neighborhood that got rougher after dark. After one practice finished early, I ended up as the last kid left with the coach, waiting in the gloaming while he grumbled, looked at his watch and finally left me - to wait or walk home, I'm not sure which.

I started walking. Halfway there, along a busy road, my father picked me up. He called my coach, as furious as you would expect a protective parent to be; the coach, who probably grew up having fistfights in that neighborhood, gave as good as he got; I finished the season in a different league.

Here are two things that didn't happen. My (lawyer) father did not call the police and have the coach arrested for reckless endangerment of a minor. And nobody who saw me picking my way home alone thought to call the police on my parents, or to charge them with neglect for letting their child slip free of perfect safety for an hour.

Today they might not have been so lucky. For instance, they might have ended up like the Connecticut mother who earned a misdemeanor for letting her 11-year-old stay in the car while she ran into a store. Or the mother charged with "contributing to the delinquency of a minor" after a bystander snapped a photo of her leaving her 4-year-old in a locked, windows-cracked car for five minutes on a 50-degree day. Or the Ohio father arrested in front of his family for "child endangerment" because - unbeknown to him - his 8-year-old had slipped away from a church service and ended up in a nearby Family Dollar. Or (I'm just getting warmed up) like the mother of four, recently widowed, who left her children - the oldest 10, the youngest 5 - at home together while she went to a community-college class; her neighbor called the police, protective services took the kids, and it took a two-year legal fight to pry them back from foster care. Or like the parents from two families who were arrested after their girls, two friends who were 5 and 7, cut through a parking lot near their houses - again without the parents' knowledge - and were spotted by a stranger who immediately called the police. Or - arriving at this week's high-profile story - like Debra Harrell,

an African-American single mother in Georgia, who let her 9-year-old daughter play in a nearby park while she worked a shift at McDonald's, and who ended up shamed on local news and jailed.

Some of these cases have been reported, but some are first-person accounts, and in some the conduct of neighbors and the police and social workers may be more defensible than the anecdote suggests.

But the pattern - a "criminalization of parenthood," in the words of The Washington Post's Radley Balko - still looks slightly nightmarish, and there are forces at work here that we should recognize, name and resist.

First is the upper-class, competition-driven vision of childhood as a rigorously supervised period in which unattended play is abnormal, risky, weird. This perspective hasn't just led to "the erosion of child culture," to borrow a quote from Hanna Rosin's depressing Atlantic essay on "The Overprotected Kid"; it has encouraged bystanders and public servants to regard a deviation from constant supervision as a sign of parental neglect.

Second is the disproportionate anxiety over child safety, fed by media coverage of every abduction, every murdered child, every tragic "hot car" death. Such horrors are real, of course, but the danger is wildly overstated: Crime rates are down, abductions and car deaths are both rare, and most of the parents leaving children (especially non-infants) in cars briefly or letting them roam a little are behaving perfectly responsibly.

Third is an erosion of community and social trust, which has made ordinary neighborliness seem somehow unnatural or archaic, and given us instead what Gracy Olmstead's article in The American Conservative dubs the "bad Samaritan" phenomenon - the passer-by who passes the buck to law enforcement as expeditiously as possible. (Technology accentuates this problem: Why speak to a parent when you can just snap a smartphone picture for the cops?)

And then finally there's a policy element - the way these trends interact not only with the rise of single parenthood, but also with a welfare system whose work requirements can put a single mother behind a fast-food counter while her kid is out of school.

This last issue presents a distinctive challenge to conservatives like me, who believe such work requirements are essential. If we want women like Debra Harrell to take jobs instead of welfare, we have to also find a way to defend their liberty as parents, instead of expecting them to hover like helicopters and then arresting them if they don't.

Otherwise we'll be throwing up defenses against big government while ignoring a police state growing in our midst. □



Bill Clinton: A Popular President



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WASHINGTON - The thing about him is, he just keeps going.

At 67, he continues to be, as Anna Quindlen once wrote, like one of those inflatable toys with sand weighting the bottom - you knock him over and he pops back up.

As Hillary stumbles and President Obama slumps, Bill Clinton keeps getting more popular.

The women, the cheesy behavior, the fundraising excesses, the self-pity, the adolescent narcissism, the impeachment, the charges of racially tinged insults against Obama in 2008, the foundation dishabille - all that percussive drama has faded to a mellow saxophone riff for many Americans.

A recent Wall Street Journal/NBC News/Annenberg center poll showed that Clinton was, by a long shot, the most admired president of the last quarter-century. A new YouGov poll finds that among the last eight elected presidents, Clinton is regarded as the most intelligent and W. the least.

(Clinton and W. both should have been more aggressive in catching Osama. But certainly, if Clinton had been president post-9/11, there would have been no phony invasion of Iraq, and Katrina would have elicited more empathy.)

A Washington Post/ABC News poll in May found Bill's approval ratings rebounding to the highest they had been since early in

his presidency. Even some who used to mock his lip-biting have decided that warmth, even if it's fake at times, beats real chilliness. Speaking at the 92nd Street Y last month, Bill O'Reilly was asked by Geraldo Rivera whether the country would have been better off electing Hillary instead of Barack Obama.

"With Hillary you get Bill," O'Reilly replied. "And Bill knows what's going on. You may not like him but he knows what's going on. Hillary doesn't understand how the world works."

Except for LBJ and Nixon, ex-presidents tend to grow more popular. Yet Bill Clinton, wandering the global stage as a former president who may return to the White House as the husband of a president, plays a unique role in American history. (Newly released Clinton library documents revealed that Bill, believing it punchier, preferred to use "America" and "Americans" in speeches rather than "the United States" and "people of the United States.")

But why is he burning brighter now, when the spotlight should be on his successor and his wife? Do we miss the days when the National Debt Clock was retired? Are we more accepting that politicians have feet of clay? Are we tired of leaders who act as burdened as Sisyphus? Do we miss having a showman and a show? "Maybe they admire his vegan body," said David Axelrod impishly, before replying seriously: "He's the most seductive character that we've seen in American politics in our lifetime. He just has this unbelievably resilient and seductive personality."

James Carville noted dryly: "People are confused. They don't know which one they like more, the peace or the prosperity." He calls Clinton the "anti-Putin," someone who did not exercise power to harm people but to help them.

42 had greater strengths and greater weaknesses than the average pol.

Rand Paul accused Clinton of "predatory" behavior. Liz Cheney told Politico's Mike Allen that she

trusts Hillary more than she trusts Bill, implying that was because of Monica Lewinsky. And Todd "legitimate rape" Akin defended himself on Fox News this past week by hitting Clinton's "long history of sexual abuse and indecency."

But GOP pollster Kellyanne Conway said the words "Monica" and "liberal" rarely come up when she polls about Bill Clinton. The words "global" and "philanthropic" come up. She said that after Clinton, people "shrugged their shoulders at what had once made them raise their eyebrows." "He was a good ambassador for the baby boomer generation," she said. "Who hasn't screwed up? Who hasn't had a third and fourth chance?"

Perhaps, given the tribal wars in Washington and dark tides loose in the world, there's a longing for Bill's better angels: the Happy Warrior desire to get up every day and go to it, no matter how difficult; the unfailing belief that in the future things will be better; the zest in the hand-to-hand combat of politics and policy, the reaching out to Newt Gingrich and other Republicans - even through government shutdowns and impeachment - and later teaming up with Bush Senior.

"There's a suspicion among a lot of people that Obama doesn't much care for politics," Carville said. "It's amazing that a man can be so successful at something he really doesn't like. It's like if you found out that Peyton Manning didn't like to play football." Mike Murphy, the Republican strategist, said that Obama's fade has been "the best Clinton rehab."

Murphy noted the irony that first, Bill had to use his extroverted personality, his talent as Explainer in Chief and his "empathy ray gun" to help Obama get re-elected, and now he will need to use those skills to push another clinical, cerebral candidate - his wife - up the hill.

"The one guy he can't help elect is himself because of that pesky Constitution," Murphy said. "But of course, that's what he'd love to do." □



Focaccia made with tomatoes and fontina cheese, in New York. Tomatoes sweeten during a short spell in the oven, their juices soaking into the bread, crisp on the bottom, soft on top and inside.

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A Slice of Tomato Adds Life to Focaccia

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Focaccia, like pizza, welcomes many different toppings. This one, covered with tomatoes set over pieces of fontina, makes a terrific summer lunch. The tomatoes sweeten even more during their short time in the oven; they stay intact, but a bit of juice bleeds out, which makes the bread all the more luxurious. It's best to use the ripest heirlooms you can find: big slicing tomatoes like Brandywines or pineapple tomatoes, or smaller Japanese tomatoes, or even green zebras.

The dough demands more rising time than pizza dough does, but most of the total time is unsupervised. Once baked, the bread should be fragrant with olive oil, crisp on the bottom but soft on top and inside.

This version is half whole wheat; I love the nutty flavor of the bread so much that I'm making it every week this summer.

Whole Wheat Focaccia
With Tomatoes and Fontina

Time: 1 hour, plus 3 1/2 hours' rising

Yield: 1 large focaccia, 12 generous servings

For the Sponge:

1 teaspoon/4 grams active dry yeast

3/4 cup/90 grams all-purpose flour

For the Dough:

1 teaspoon/4 grams active dry yeast

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, more for oiling bowls and pans

1 1/4 cups/155 grams unbleached all-purpose flour

2 cups/250 grams whole wheat or durum flour

1 3/4 teaspoons/12 grams fine sea salt

For the Topping:

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

6 ounces/180 grams thinly sliced or grated fontina

1 pound/450 grams fresh ripe tomatoes, sliced

Coarse sea salt, to taste (optional)

Chopped, slivered or torn fresh basil

1. Make the sponge: In a large bowl or the bowl of a stand mixer, combine yeast and 1/2 cup/120 milliliters lukewarm water. Stir to dissolve. Whisk in flour. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise in a warm place until bubbly and doubled in volume, about 45 minutes.

2. Make the dough: Whisk together yeast and 1 cup/240 milliliters lukewarm water in a small bowl and let stand until creamy, a few minutes. Add to sponge, along with the olive oil. If using a stand mixer, add flours and salt and mix, with the paddle attachment, until ingredients are combined, 1 to 2 minutes. Change to the dough hook and knead on medium speed for 8 minutes. The dough should come together and slap against the sides of the bowl; it will be slightly tacky. (If making dough by hand, whisk in all-purpose flour, then fold in salt and whole wheat flour,

1 cup at a time. Scrape dough onto a lightly floured work surface and knead for 8 to 10 minutes, until soft and velvety. Return to bowl after oiling bowl lightly with olive oil first.)

3. Cover bowl tightly with plastic wrap and let dough rise in a warm spot until doubled, about 1 1/2 hours. (Dough can be held in the refrigerator for up to 5 days; first punch it down, oil it lightly and seal in a plastic bag. Bring to room temperature before proceeding.)

4. Oil a 12-by-17-inch sheet pan with olive oil. Line with parchment and oil the parchment. Turn dough onto parchment. Oil or moisten your hands, and press out dough until it just about covers the pan. Dough may be sticky. Cover with a towel and let it relax for 10 minutes, then continue to press it out until it reaches edges of pan. Cover with a damp towel and let rise in a warm spot for 45 minutes to an hour, or until dough is full of air

bubbles.

5. Top the focaccia: 30 minutes before baking, heat oven (preferably with a baking stone in it) to 425 degrees. Lightly oil your fingertips, then use them to dimple the dough, pressing down hard to make indentations. Drizzle olive oil over dough. Arrange cheese over surface.

Top with tomatoes, then sprinkle with sea salt if desired.

6. Place pan in oven (on baking stone, if using). Use a spray bottle to spray oven with water three times during the first 10 minutes of baking. Bake 20 to 25 minutes, until edges are crisp and top is golden. If you wish, remove focaccia from pan and bake directly on stone for the last 10 minutes of baking. Remove from pan at once and cool on a rack. Sprinkle basil over top. For a softer focaccia, cover with a towel when you remove it from the oven. Serve warm or at room temperature. □